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From the Ladies' Companion, for August.

The Cocoa-Nut Tree.

BY FRANCES H. CAMPBELL.

[illegible] the green and the graceful! the cocoa-nut tree!
[illegible] lone and the lofty—it bows like me
[illegible] the foam of the heaving sea.
And the sound of the surging waves,
In the shore's unfathomed caves,
[illegible] its stately shaft, and its verdant crown,
[illegible] its fruit in clusters dropping down;
[illegible] of a soft and tender green,
[illegible] some all ripe and brown between;
[illegible] flowers, too, blending their heather grace,
[illegible] a blush thro' the tresses on Beauty's face.
Oh! the lovely—the fair,
The cocoa-nut tree!
In the tree of all trees for me!

[illegible] willow—it waves with a tender motion,
[illegible] oak and the elm with more majesty rose!
[illegible] give me the cocoa, that loves the wild ocean,
[illegible] and shadows the hut where the island-girl lies.
[illegible] the Nicobar islands, each cottage you see,
[illegible] arch of the trunk of the cocoa-nut tree;
[illegible] its leaves, neatly thatchy, and many times o'er,
[illegible] a thatch for its roof, and a mat for its floor;
[illegible] shells, the dark islander's beverage hold—
[illegible] a goblet as pure, as a goblet of gold.
Oh! the cocoa-nut tree
That blooms by the sea,
In the tree of all trees for me!

[illegible] Nicobar Isles, of the cocoa-nut tree
[illegible] build the light shallop—the wild, the free;
[illegible] weave, of its fibres, so firm a sail,
[illegible] with the rudest southern gale;
[illegible] fill it with oil, and with coarse jaggery
[illegible] wreck and wrecked, the cocoa-nut tree.
The lone, the free,
That dwells in the roar
Of the echoing shore,
Oh! the cocoa-nut tree for me!

[illegible] the cocoa-nut's milk and water,
[illegible] wine—the pure juice of the grape
[illegible] like the bright spirits we sometimes quaff—
The wine of the cocoa-nut tree
[illegible] they tie up the embryo bud's soft wing,
[illegible] which the blossoms and nuts would spring;
[illegible] than forbidden to bloom with blossom,
[illegible] are, and with soft perfume
[illegible] spirit that struggles there,
[illegible] an essence more rich and rare,
[illegible] nectar of a blossom and fragrance bath,
[illegible] the cup of the cocoa-nut tree!
[illegible] ch as to the child of genius, too,
[illegible] rose of Beauty in soft dessert;
[illegible] all the rather, that high heart, thronged
[illegible] torrent of feeling pours on him;
[illegible] power and fender, and for more true,
[illegible] passionate soul, or its lonely pride
Oh! the fresh, the free,
The cocoa-nut tree!
Is the tree of all trees for me!

[illegible] glowing sky of the Indian Isles,
[illegible] over the cocoa-nut smiles,
[illegible] the Indian maiden lies below,
[illegible] to leaves their graceful shadow throw
[illegible] waves a verdant tent of shady green,
[illegible] spot the waters where the cocoa dwells.
[illegible] tends them into her long black hair,
[illegible] they blush in the braids, like rose-buds there.
[illegible] not brown arm, and her graceful neck,
With chose cocoa-blossoms, she joys to deck.
Oh! wherever you see
The cocoa-nut tree,
There will a picture of beauty be!

Lagore, July, 1841.

From Graham's Magazine, for August.

The Reefer of '76.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "CRUISING IN THE LAST WAR."

Cutting Out.

We had now been several months at sea, and, although our cruise had been more than once replenished from the prizes we had taken, our provisions began to grow scarce. The skipper accordingly announced his intention of going into port. We bore up, therefore, for Charleston, that being the most convenient harbour.

My emotions on approaching the place where Beatrice resided, I shall not attempt to describe. A full year had passed since we had parted, and in all that interval of her hat once. Might she not now be married to another! The proverbial fickleness of her sex; the known opposition of her family to my suit; her uncertainty whether I still survived to care for her, or whether even I was not alive; and a thousand other reasons by which she might be unfaithful to me, rose up before me to torture me with doubts. But most of all, I reflected on the unfavorable situation in which I was now placed, compared with that in which I had first seen her. Then I was a rich, unknown, and a rival officer. Many a night as I lay in my solitary hammock, or trod my silent watch on deck, the fear that I might find Beatrice the wife of another, filled my soul with agony. And yet could I doubt her faith!

At length we entered Charleston harbor, and with a gentle breeze floated up toward the town. It was a moonless night, but the sky above was spangled with a thousand stars, and the low outline of the city behind us glittered with myriads of lamps. The wind just ruffled the glassy surface of the bay, fanning us, as it swept by, with a delicious coolness. Here and there, on either shore, a light from a solitary house flickered through the darkness, while occasionally a sheet of summer lightning would play along the western firmament, where a low belt of clouds skirted the horizon, and hung like a veil above the city. Everything reminded me of the night when I had sailed up this same harbor with Beatrice. What had I not witnessed since then! The shipwreck, the battle, the hurricane, fire and sword, danger in every shape, almost death itself—and I had endured them all. During that period where had been Beatrice! A few hours would determine.

With a beating heart, the next morning I sought the residence of Beatrice's uncle. How my brain swam and my knees tottered when I came in sight of the mansion which contained the form of her whom I loved! I had understood that the family, except one or two of the ladies of it, was out of town, and I burned with impatience to ascertain whether Beatrice was among the absentees. Yet my heart failed me when I came in sight of the residence of her uncle. I recollected the terms on which I had parted with Mr. Rochester, and I scarcely thought myself allowable in intruding on his hospitality in any shape. But, then, how else could I obtain an interview with Beatrice! Again and again I approached the door, and again and again I changed my mind and retired; but at length remembering that my conduct was attracting attention, and unable longer to endure my suspense, I advanced boldly to the portal, and knocked at the shell door. It was answered by a strange porter. With a fluttering heart I inquired for Miss Dermont. I felt relieved from a load of fear when informed that she was in town, and hastily throwing my card into the man's hand, I followed him eagerly into the drawing-room. He disappeared, and I was alone.

Who can forget his emotions, when, after a long separation from the object of his love, he finds himself under the same roof with his mistress, awaiting her appearance! How he pictures to himself the joy with which the announcement of his arrival, especially if unexpected, will be received! How the long-pent up feelings will be exchanged and every word that will be said at the moment of meeting. As the moments elapse, he imagines, however short the time may be, that the appearance of his mistress is unreasonably delayed, and a hundred fears arise, vague, unfounded, and but half believed, that perhaps her affection has grown lukewarm, and each successive instant of suspense increases his doubts until they amount almost to agony; and so I thought faithful—oh! how well remembered!—as I broke upon his ear, he almost dreads to meet her face to face, lest he should have given cause for the behold. So was it now with myself. As the other minute elapsed, and still Beatrice did not appear, my fears amounted almost to madness; and when at length I heard her light tread approaching, my heart began to beat so violently that I thought I should have fainted. Anxious to relieve my doubts, by observing her demeanor before I should be seen myself, I sprang into the recess of a window. As I did so, the door opened and Beatrice entered hurriedly, looking, if possible, more beautiful than ever. Her cheek was flushed, her step was quick and eager, and her eyes shone with a joy that could not be affected. She advanced several steps into the room, when, perceiving no one, she gazed inquiringly around, with a look, I thought, of disappointment. I moved from the recess. She turned quickly around at the noise, blushed over brow, neck and bosom, and, with a faint cry of joy, sprang forward, and was locked the next instant in my arms.

"Beatrice—my own, my beautiful!"

"Harry—dear Harry!" were our mutual exclamations, and time, locked in each other's embrace, for a moment we forgot in our rapture to speak.

At length we awoke from this trance of delight, and found leisure for rational conversation. Sitting side by side on the sofa, with our hands locked together, and our eyes looking as it were into each other's souls, we recounted our mutual histories since our separation. With mine the reader is already acquainted. That of Beatrice was naturally less chequered, but yet it was not without interest.

I have said that an alliance had been projected between Beatrice and her cousin, and that Mr. Rochester had placed his whole soul on the consummation of this project. The consciousness of my interest in the heart of Beatrice had induced their conduct toward myself, under the hope that if once separated from her, I would be eventually forgotten by Miss Dermont. Time, however, proved how false had been this hope. Instead of prospering in his suit from my absence, every day only seemed to make the success of her cousin more problematical. In vain her uncle persuaded; in vain he expostulated; in vain he lavished all his scorn on me as a beggar and a rebel—Beatrice continued unmoved; now defending me from every imputation, and now with tears giving up the contest, although unconvinced. The letter she received from me, by acquainting with my projected cruise, prepared her for the long silence on my part which had ensued; and although reports, no doubt originating with her persecutors, were circulated respecting my arrival in port, and the disreputable life I was said to lead, she remained faithful to me amid it all. Oh! what is like woman's love! Amid sorrow and joy; in sunshine or storm; whether distant or near; in every varied circumstance of life, it is the solace of our existence, the green spot amid the arid deserts of the world. Nothing can change it—nothing can dim its brightness. Even injury fails to break down the love of woman. You may neglect, you may abuse her, if you will; but still, with a devotion not of this earth, she clings to you, cheering you in distress, smiling on you in joy, and amply repaid if she only win in return one kind word, one look of approval. Think ye, then, that, fallen as we are, there is left to us that link of our diviner nature—the pure, deep, unchanging love of woman.

With what joy did I hear that Beatrice was still mine, while her cousin, and how ardently did I press her to my bosom, invoking her again and again to repeat the blessed words which assured me of her love! Hours passed away as if they had been minutes. And when at length I rose to depart, and, imprinting another kiss on her but half averted lips, took my leave with a promise to return again the ensuing morning, my astonishment passed all bounds to learn that noon had long since passed, and that the evening was almost at hand.

During the short time that we remained in port, I was daily with Beatrice, and when we parted she pledged herself to be mine at the end of another year, come what might. My heart, I will admit, reproached me afterwards for winning this promise from her, and asking her to give up wealth and luxury for the bare comforts an officer's pay could afford; and yet her love was such a priceless gem, and she looked up to me with such unreserved devotedness, that I could not regret a vow which ensured me the right to protect her from the cold tempests of the world. Besides, we were both young and full of hope, and I trusted some fortunate event might occur which would yet allow us to be united with the concurrence of her friends.

"Uncle is suspected and watched by the colonial authorities," said Beatrice, as we parted, "and I fear me that he is linked in with some of those who have designs against the state. I trouble to think what might be his fate if detected in any conspiracy to restore the king's authority."

"Fear not, dearest," I replied, "I will interest Col. Moultrie in his favor, and besides, your uncle must see the danger of any such attempt at present."

"And yet I have fearful forbodings."

"Cheer up, sweet one, he has nothing to dread. But now I must go. God bless you Beatrice!" and I kissed her fervently.

She murmured something half inaudibly, returned my parting embrace with a sigh, and, while a tear stood in her eye, waved a final adieu with her handkerchief. In an hour the schooner had sailed.

We had been at sea but a few days, having run down the Bahamas in that time, when we spoke a French merchantman, and obtained from him the intelligence that an English ship, with a valuable cargo and a large amount of specie, was then lying at the part of ——, in one of the smaller islands. She was well armed, however, and carried the crew of a letter of marque. But the skipper instantly determined on attempting her capture. Accordingly, we bore up for the island within an hour after we had spoken the merchantman, and having a favorable breeze, to second our wishes, we made the low headlands of the place of our destination just as the sun sank behind them into the western ocean. Not wishing to be detected, we hauled off until evening, spending the intervening time in preparing for the adventure.

The night was fortunately dark. There was no moon, and a thick veil of vapors over-hung effectually shrouded the stars from sight. The seaboard was lined with dusky clouds; the ocean heaved in gentle undulations; and a light breeze murmured by, with a low soft music in its tone, like the whisper of a young girl to her lover. As the twilight deepened, the shadowy outlines of the distant land became more and more indistinct, until at length they were merged in the obscurity of the whole western firmament. No noise was heard over the vast expanse as we resumed our course, and silently stretched up towards the island.

It was nearly midnight when we reached the mouth of the harbor. All within was still. The town lay along the edge of the water, distinguishable by its long line of flickering lamps; while a dark mass on the left of the harbor betrayed the position of the battery guarding the port. One or two small coasting vessels were moored at the quay, and, a few cables' length out in the harbor, rode at anchor the merchantman. He was in part protected by the guns of the fort; but other means of defence were not forgotten, for his rigging were traced up, and he swung at his anchor as if springs were on his cables. A solitary lantern hung in his mast-head, throwing a faint radiance around the otherwise shadowy ship. Not a sound arose from his decks. Occasionally a low murmur would float down from the far-off town, or the cry of the sentry at the fort would rise solemnly on the still night air; but except these faint sounds, at long intervals apart, a deep unbroken silence buried the whole landscape in repose.

"Pipe away the boats' crews," said the skipper, when, everything having been planned, we had secured our craft under the shadow of the huge cape. And now lay in our quiet nook, hidden from observation.

The boatswain issued his mandate almost in a whisper, and the men answered with unusual promptness. In a few minutes the boats were manned, and we were waiting with muffled oars for the signal. We lingered only a moment to receive the last orders of the captain, when, with a whispered "give way," the gallant fellows bent to the oars, and we shot from the schooner's side. In a few moments she was lost in the gloom. I watched her through the gathering night, as our after sail faded into the obscurity, until at length nothing could be seen of her exquisite proportions but a dark and shapeless mass of shadow; and at length, when I turned my eyes in her direction again, after having had my attention for a moment called away, even the slight outline of her form had disappeared, and nothing but the gloomy seaboard met my eye.

The night was now so dark, that we could scarcely see a fathom before us, but guided by an old salt who had been brought up on the island, and knew the harbor as accurately as a scholar knows his horn book, we boldly kept on our course. As we swept around the headland, we perceived that the town, so lately alive with lights, was now buried in a profound darkness. The solitary lantern, however, still burned at the fore-peak of the Englishman, like a star hanging alone in the firmament, to guide us on our way. Every eye was fixed upon it as we rapidly but noiselessly swept up towards the merchantman. The fort was buried in gloom. The other vessels in the harbor lay hooded in the palpable obscurity ahead. No sound was heard, no object was seen, as we moved on in our noiseless course. At length the huge hull of the merchantman began to be indistinctly visible upon our starboard bow, and, lying on our oars for a moment, we held a short, eager consultation of our future course. It was soon, however, terminated. As yet we remained undiscovered, and as the slightest accident might betray us, not a moment was to be lost if we would surprise the foe. It had been arranged that I should dash into the larboard side of the Englishman, while the two other boats should attack him simultaneously on his starboard bow and quarter; and accordingly, as my companions sheered off, I gave a whispered order to my men to pull their best, and the next instant we were shooting with the rapidity of an arrow right on to the foe.

The instant preceding the attack is always a thrilling one. You know not but that in a few minutes you may be in eternity, and as yet you are not barred away with that reckless enthusiasm which, in the heat of the contest, makes you insensible to every thing but the struggle. On the present occasion I felt as I had never felt before. The odds against us were fearful, for the ship was admirably defended, and we had every reason to believe that her crew outnumbered our own. As I looked around on my men, I saw more than one hardy veteran cast an uneasy glance at the foe. But it was no time now to pause. We had scarcely pulled a dozen strokes, and were yet some distance from the ship, when the sentry from her quarter cried out, "Boat ahoy!" and then perceiving that we still advanced, he hailed, "Stop, or I give the alarm. I saw the moment for action had come. Disguise was now useless. Instantaneously I forgot the feelings which had just been passing through my mind, and, like a war-horse starting at a trumpet, I sprang up in the stern sheets, and waving my sword aloft, shouted,

"Give way, my lads—give way, and lay us aboard the rascals—with a will, boys—pull!"

As if fired with an enthusiasm which nothing might resist, my gallant fellows sprang to their oars with renewed vigor, and the boat, until the oaken blades almost snapped beneath their heavy arms; and we were already within a few fathoms of the ship's quarter when a volley from the merchantman broke on the stillness of the night, and he fell dead across the thwart. The boat staggered in her course. I could hear our companions urging but a short distance behind, and I burned to be the first to mount the enemy's deck.

"On—on!" I shouted; "pull for your lives, my lads—pull, pull!"

A thundering cheer burst from the brave veterans, as they bent with even redoubled power to the oars, and as I grasped the pistol which I had shot upon the quarter of the foe. Waving my sword above my head, I sprang at once up the ship's side, calling on my crew to follow me. They needed not the spur of example. The boat had scarcely touched the vessel before every man, cutlass in hand, was clambering over the side of the foe; and in an instant, with one simultaneous spring, old and young, officer and mess, we tumbled in upon the enemy. And then commenced the struggle. It was no child's play—that conflict! Fearfully out numbering us, apprised of and ready for our onset, fighting on their own decks too, and knowing that succor was at hand from the port, even the cool feelings of the crew of the Englishman met our attack with an unbroken front, giving back blow for blow and shout for shout. Short, wild and terrible was the conflict. Cheer after cheer rose from our exhausted throats, the enemy wished to overcome us before we could be succored; while we struggled as desperately to maintain our fasting until aid should arrive. But our efforts were in vain. Pressed by a tenfold odds, overpowering numbers, and bemoaning us in on every quarter but that by which we had boarded the ship, they seemed determined to drive us into the ocean pell-mell, or slaughter us outright. No quarter was asked or given. Man after man fell around me in the vain attempt to maintain our footing. Already I had received two cutlass wounds myself. Our ranks were fearfully thinned. Yet still I observed no signs of faltering among the dead. It may than surrender or retreat. But all seemed in vain. Three several men had already fallen before my arm, and the deck was slippery with the blood of those who had met the enemy and not yet year to lessen in numbers. As fast as one man fell another filled his place. Despair took possession of us. I saw nothing before us but a glorious death, and I determined that it should be one long after to be talked of by our countrymen. All this, however, had passed almost in a minute. Suddenly I heard a cheer on the starboard bow of the enemy, and as it rose clear and shrill over all the din of the conflict, I recognized the Fleetfoot clambering over the ship's side in that direction.

"Huzza! the day's our own!" I shouted, in the revulsion of feeling. "Come on, my lads, and let us here the scoundrels to the chains!" and, with my other wild hurrah, I dashed like a madman upon the cutlasses of the foe. My men followed me with the fury of a whirlwind. Wild, terrible, overpowering was that charge; fierce, desperate and relentless was the vengeance of the foe, and, crushed by the mass, I felt and fire, striking around pell-mell, thrusting, parrying, hewing, wrestling in the death-grip, or hurling the fallen from our path, now clearing our way by a deceptive retreat, we succeeded at length in driving the foe back in a broken mass on their assailants from the bow. Then they rallied, and, with the fury of tigers, returned to the charge. If ever men fought like demons, they did. As they grew more and more desperate, they fairly howled with rage. Their curses were terrific. God help us if we fell into their hands on a night again! I saw that it only needed another vigorous charge to complete their defeat, and rallying my little band around me once more, though every man of them was wounded, we dashed on to the foe, determined to cut our way through to our friends, or drive the enemy down the hatchway.

"Once more, my boys, once more—huzza for liberty!—on!"

"Come on, you rebel knaves!" growled the leader of the British, and striking at me with his cutlass, to challenge me to a single combat, he roared, "Take that, ye hell-hound." One of my men sprang to my aid

"Back—back!" I shouted, "leave him to me."

"Ay, God's curse be on you—" but his words were lost in the clash of the conflict. For a moment I thought he was more than my match, but I was very soon undeceived, for, after falling to guard himself sufficiently, he exposed his person, and the next instant my sword passed through his body. He fell backwards without a groan. His men fell, and a few shots and a score of weapons were pointed at me.

"Down with him—hew him to the ground," roared the British.

"Huzzah for Parker!—beat back the villains!" thundered my own men, and the contest, which had paused during the combat between the fallen chief and myself, now raged with redoubled frenzy, the whole fury of the enemy being directed against myself. I remember shouts, curses, and groans, the clash of cutlasses and the roar of fire-arms, and then comes a faint memory of a sharp pain in my side, succeeded by a reeling in my brain, and a sensation of staggering, as if about to fall. After that all is blank.

When I recovered my senses, I was lying on the quarter deck, while the cool night breeze swept deliciously over my fevered brow, and my ears were soothed with the gentle ripple of the waters as the ship moved on her course. A solitary star, struggling through a rent in the clouds overhead, shone calmly down on me. I turned uneasily around.

"How are you, Parker?" said the voice of the lieutenant, approaching me. "We are nearing the schooner rapidly, when you'll have your wound attended to—I managed it as well as I could."

"Thank you," I said faintly. "But have you really brought off the prize?"

"Ay, ay," said he, laughing, "we got off, although they hailed cannon balls around us like sugar-plums at a carnival in Rome. Never before did I run such a gauntlet. But the sleepy fellows had got properly awake until we had made sail—had they opened their fire at once, they might have sent us to Davy Jones' locker in a thrice."

"And the company's chest?"

"All snug below hatches, every mother's son of them. They fought like devils, and came within an ace of beating us. But, faith, yonder is the old schooner. Ship, ahoy!"

We were soon aboard. My wound proved a serious, though not a dangerous one, and for several weeks I was confined to my hammock.

From the Lady's Book for August.

Birthday Stanzas to a Friend.

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

He happy.—Many a year hath fled,
Since first thine infant sigh
Brought gladness to thy parents' heart,
And rapture to their eye.
Yet each hath taught the speaking brow
New emotion to reveal,
And all have spar'd to touch the grave,
That tuneth peace to steal.

Be happy.—May joy hath spring
And blossom'd at thy tread,
And every sweet affection flung
Its wreath around thy head;
And may the year that now for thee
Unlocks its garner'd store,
Pour richer treasures on thy soul,
Than all that went before.

Be happy.—Many a thought of love
To thee doth fondly turn;
And at thine image, many a breast
With grateful incense burn;
So, therefore, on thy birthday morn,
O'er leagues of land and sea,
This lay, warm-springing from the heart,
Doth wing its way to thee.

London, 1841.

From the Ladies' Companion, for August

Manoeuvering;

Or, First and Second Love.

BY MRS. EMMA C. EMBURY.

"Is that the doctor's gig, Mary? Quick, arrange these pillows, and throw that rose-colored shawl on the arm of the sofa—not there, you stupid creature; fling it carelessly, so that it may reflect its faint glow upon my cheek."

The speaker was a delicate and pretty woman, who in the dim light of a judiciously shaded apartment, seemed to have scarcely numbered her first and twentieth summer, though the broad plane of the right cheek, and the discovered the fact that another additional years could be counted among her past possessions. Reclining on a couch, supported by lace-bordered pillows, with the folds of her white dress so disposed as to display the symmetry of her figure, while one small and delicately slippered foot was allowed to peep out as if by accident, she really looked exceedingly interesting. Hastily concealing the novel she had been reading, and assuming the languid air of habitual suffering, she awaited the entrance of the doctor, whose footsteps were already heard upon the stairs. As he approached she raised her eyes timidly to his face, then pressed that quivering of the vermeil and fringed lids, which a Juno-eyed woman can so well perform, and finally dropped the long lashes over her dark-blue eyes, so modestly as a maiden of fifteen. It was, in reality, a very pretty piece of acting, and much the doctor seemed to consider it, for he stood calmly beside her, and not until all these little manoeuvres had been effected, did he attempt to feel her pulse, or inquire into her state of health.

"Ah, doctor, you are very good to come so promptly," said the patient, "I have had such a wretched night, that I could no longer dispense with your advice. You must cease and see me every day, my dear sir. Your presence does me almost as much good as your prescriptions."

The doctor bowed gravely. "You flatter me madam. Perhaps your fears induce you to magnify your complaint, and in such cases, I can do my skill."

"No, doctor, I feel that my bold upon life is exceedingly frail, a disease like mine may prove fatal at any moment."

"What do you suppose your disease to be, madam?"

"Ah, you want to inspire me with hope by your question, but your kind artifice cannot deceive me, doctor. Your are doubtless aware that I have an affection of the heart."

"An affection of the spleen, rather," thought the doctor, as he gravely replied—"I am not aware of the existence of any symptoms which can warrant you in forming such an opinion."

"Alas, my dear sir, the symptoms cannot be mistaken—palpitations of the heart, frequent fits of tremulousness, constantly recurring attacks of nervous agitation, lowness of spirits, and loss of appetite, are certainly tokens of ill-health."

"Yet, these symptoms might be attributed to many other causes besides the serious one you have mentioned. Change of air, exercise, constant occupation, and the use of a good tonic, would probably remove all the ailments which alarm you."

"I wish I could think so, but alas!

"Who can minister to a mind diseased,
Or pluck from memory a rooted sorrow?"

The doctor was busily engaged in counting the lady's pulse and did not choose to hear her pathetic quotation.

"You have a very good pulse," said he, "depend upon it you are only a little nervous."

"Allow me to ask you one question, Doctor Selwyn, do you not think that a physician, in whose hands we place our very life, and who is responsible for the precious gift of existence, should be made fully acquainted with the state of his patient?"

"Certainly, madam," replied the doctor, arching his heavy brows as he spoke.

"Then you must permit me to encroach upon your valuable time for a few minutes, for the history of my disease is the history of myself. I will not dwell on the details of my early life, with those you are already acquainted, since you cannot have forgotten the interest we excited in your family, when we were so long companions in youth. Alas! it were better for us sometimes if we could cease to remember early scenes and early friendships."—The widow sighed and cast down her eyes, as if she saw that it only needed another vigorous charge to complete their defeat, and rallying my little band around me once more, though every man of them was wounded, we dashed on to the foe, determined to cut our way through to our friends, or drive the enemy down the hatchway.

"You are probably aware of the persuasion which my parents seemed to induce me to wed Mr. Merton. He was a man whose character I will not attempt to depict—the grave line closed over his faults and it is not for me to sit in judgment upon his memory. Suffice it to say, that he possessed no feeling or sentiment congenial with my own. Sordid, avaricious, narrow-minded and jealous, he could neither understand nor appreciate the character of the warm-hearted, enthusiastic creature, who, in the fulness of her young heart, dreamed that she was about to enter into a union with age and ugliness and wealth."

The doctor gave a loud hem! and took a second pinch of snuff. Mrs. Merton sipped some eau sucre from a Venetian glass which stood on an ormolu table beside her, and continued—

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A word to those still in arrears. We shall be much obliged for a speedy settlement, as the volume is now opened, and we wish to start, unencumbered by back balances. Let the accounts all be settled up, and we will take a *fair* start together and see who shall first tire in the race. *We shall continue to issue a splendid paper.*

Gems of the Magazines.

We omit, this week, the publication of AN ORIGINAL STORY, in order to devote the whole of our two outside pages to *The Gems of the American Magazines for August.* This is a feature which will give the present number of the Post unrivalled popularity, the public can then obtain the choicest articles from the Magazines almost, if not quite, as soon as they would if they were subscribers to the several periodicals from which we have made extracts.

New Postmaster.

George H. Wilson has been appointed Postmaster at Germantown, Pa., in the room of George Hemphillner, Jr., Esq.

Mr. Wilson entered upon the duties of his office, on Monday.

It is said, by those who know Mr. Wilson, that this is an excellent appointment, and must give general satisfaction.

☞ Messrs. Bradbury & Soden, of Boston, Mass., will forward the names and subscription money of any of our Eastern friends wishing to subscribe for the Saturday Evening Post.

Case of McLeod.

It is now generally conceded that this individual will be tried at Utica at an early day, when his guilt or his innocence will be determined by a legal tribunal. The general opinion has been lately in favor of his innocence, but if the facts in the following passage from a speech recently delivered in Congress, by Mr. Ingersoll, of this city, be true, the contrary would seem to be the case.

"Let me add, sir," says Mr. I., "as a circumstance of just importance and aggravation in the case, that, contrary to this innocent's oath once he has become alarmed, and contrary to the estimated intimacy of British diplomacy and American consuls, McLeod is guilty. I am assured, on the best authority—authority to indicate to me here as name the gentleman from whom I derive my information, but he is a citizen of New York, of the highest standing and character, whose name I have not the least objection to give to any gentleman that may think proper privately to ask me for it—that there are seven or eight unimpeachable witnesses, who depose that they were present on the Canadian side, and saw McLeod, with arms in his hands, embark with the rest of the band, about the beginning of July, from Canada with the avowed purpose of capturing the Caroline. These same persons were present when, together with the other captives, he returned still armed, and with some of the booty, and heard him then utter the foolish and wicked boast that he had helped to kill the Yankees.—Such I am informed is the proof of his guilt. That of his innocence proceeds, I am assured by the same authentic source, from the testimony of two women of bad character, a mulatto man and her daughter, who undertook to prove an *alibi*."

In connection with this, and in order to show what are the feelings and views of some of the loyal patriots across the line, we present our readers with the following, extracted from the New Brunswick British American, published at St. Johns. The warlike officers is entitled

Hurrah! To Rescue of Noble McLeod.

To the rescue, Canadians, and Britons, too, bold
Shall the Lion of England be branded and sold.
By the hosts and the cowardly Yankee, that he.
If he wills it, shall murder a son of the free!
By the blood of our fathers! can this be allowed!
No! up to the rescue of gallant McLeod!

Yes! up with your standard, and quick raise the blood.
Ere the flag of the pirate soils patriot blood.
They're cowards and craven, your work will be short.
Huzzah! for the first who shall lend to Lockport
The "Children of Liberty" come in a crowd!
Rouse up! to the rescue of gallant McLeod.

Across the wide waters we cheerest you then cheer,
Would our persons were with you as hearts are all here;
But though beneath the Atlantic, on both sides we stand
Gallant hearts ever beat for the gallant and brave;
And who swore by high Heaven! the Prescott proud
Shall wipe out the blood of the murdered McLeod.

Like the pirate ship's timbers, may Buffalo blaze—
From the soil of Columbia their capital raze;
Aye! one arch! no quarters! they're trembling with fear.
And brave hearts never quailed for the base buccaneer.
Make dearly expiation for murdered McLeod.

Really this warlike individual must think himself, as Sir Andrew Aguecheek says, very "counning of fence," or he would not thus "breathe slaughter and vengeance" against our Argonaut. However, we hope the coming winter will cool his ardor. Certainly, if McLeod is innocent, there will be little chance of the warlike demonstrations which this fellow seems so much to favor.

Military Encampment.

It is proposed to hold a military encampment at York, in this State, on the 24th August next, and the Gazette of that place says it promises to be the largest ever held in the State. Companies from various counties in the State, Dauphin, Cumberland, Adams, Lancaster, Chester, Columbia, Northampton, and from the city of Baltimore, sufficient to constitute an immense military assemblage, have already signified their intention to be present. It is expected also that some of the best companies of Philadelphia will add their numbers. The encampment will be under the command of Major Hambright, of Lancaster. The Governor of the Commonwealth and aids—the Adjutant General—Maj. Gen. Robert Patterson, of Philadelphia city, and aids—Maj. Gen. Samuel Alexander, of Cumberland, and aids—Gen. Provost and Gen. Goodwin, of Philadelphia, and General Keim, of Reading, have already accepted the invitation of the committee. At a recent encampment in Ohio, troops from that State, Kentucky, Virginia and Pennsylvania assembled together, and made one of the most imposing displays ever seen there. The encampment at York promises to be equally brilliant in its character.

Apprentices' Library.

This Institution has been established on a permanent foundation, without many appeals to public sympathy, and has for a long time been the source of immense advantage to society by affording wholesome reading to a class of youth, whose previous position was, so far as it regard Mental improvement, greatly to be deplored. The foundations of this valuable Institution is now permanently laid, and nothing is wanted but increase of means to extend to every apprentice in the city the advantages which have been so profitably supplied to a portion.

Without attempting any account of the rise, progress, and present means of usefulness of the Apprentices' Library, we would invite citizens to look at the new arrangements and the new location, and if all is as we are sure it will be found, full of usefulness, then we need not suggest, because the *thing* itself will suggest, the propriety of increasing the means of doing good.

The Library is now kept in the second story of the "Free Quaker Meeting House," corner of Fifth and Arch streets, and we understand that the moderate rent demanded for the excellent room is, by permission of the Trustees of the Church, to be expended in books for the Library.

Wooden Pavements.

We have often wondered why the wooden pavements laid down in our city are not as durable as those laid down in other cities, here and on the continent of Europe. In Russia those pavements remain for years, and even in Boston they seem more durable than in Philadelphia. The London Chronicle of a late date observes The wood pavement in front of White-hall has now been down some more than two years, and exceeds admirably. Some days ago a considerable portion of it was raised to make an alteration in the gas-pipes, and the bed of concrete on which the wood rests, and the pins which unite the blocks, were found as entire and sound as when the pavement was laid down. The alteration which has taken place on the wood for the two years does not exceed the eighth of an inch.

All this proves certainly the superiority of the manner in which the blocks are laid in Europe. Cannot equal skill be procured in Philadelphia!

Naval Appointments.

We had an opportunity of witnessing, not long since, the examination of the boys on board the North Carolina at New York, and we never were more forcible impressed with the utility of the naval apprenticeship system than on that occasion. Mr. Paulding has had many charges brought against him in his capacity of Secretary of the Navy, but if he had done nothing else than found out this system, he would deserve well of his country.

It has long been a subject of regret, in this nation that our only her merchant vessels, but her men-of-war, are manned chiefly by foreigners,—and English writers have even vaunningly remarked that our naval victories in the last war were attributable to the bravery of others to our cost. As long, then, as the great body of our seamen are foreigners, the same taunt will be thrown in our faces. But though the evil has been deplored by some of the ablest men in the country, and though the very remedy, which has at length been applied, was suggested years ago, it was reserved for the late Secretary of the Navy to put in active operation the present laudable plan of training apprentices for sea.

But, however, beneficial this system may prove as a school for native seamen, there is another light in which it can be viewed, with equal, if not more, gratification.

There is, in all our great cities, a lamentable number of boys, whom either early destitution, or a want of proper moral culture, has initiated into the ways of vice.—These youth require a vigorous discipline to rescue them from crime. It is the interest of the state, moreover, to undertake this reformation; for if left to themselves they will eventually become hardened villains, and thus be a tax on the State. Philanthropic institutions have accordingly been founded in which to receive young offenders, and Houses of Refuge, erected for this purpose, over their heads in most of our States. They have only, however, partially succeeded. The reason is—they go but half way. They cut off the youthful criminal from society, but they leave a stigma on him from which he can never escape. He goes out, it is true, at the proper age, provided with a trade; but in the eyes of too many he might as well have come from the Penitentiary. He is suspected, shunned, and insulted, until in many cases, he is driven again to crime, out of the sheer impossibility of obtaining the countenance necessary to success in an honest livelihood.

Take those unfortunate individuals however, and, instead of shutting them up in a House of Refuge, place them as apprentices in one of our men-of-war. Their situation is totally altered. They are no longer subject to insult—they are no more regarded as little better than felons. Separated from the rest of mankind, they exist in a little world of their own, whose discipline, instead of being a mark of degradation, is a part of the every-day routine of life. The consequences are seen perceptible in the altered demeanor of the boy. He no longer views himself as an object of reproach. He finds, upon before him, a road to an honorable employment, with nothing to shut him out, if he wishes it, from obtaining the highest rank in the service. Give the same moral culture to a boy in such circumstances, which you would bestow on an inmate of a House of Refuge, and—our word for it—the result will establish the superiority of ships of war as schools for the reformation of juvenile offenders. At the same time, too, that this is going on, a body of seamen will be training up for the Navy, who may, in case of a war, do good service for their country.

The Florida War.

We learn from the National Intelligencer, that information has been received at the Department of War from Col. Worth, commanding the Army in Florida, of a very favorable character.

It appears that, by means of Coa-coa-che, (Wild Cat,) a celebrated Chief, and for some time prisoner of war at Tampa Bay, many of the unoccupied band are approaching that place the 20th ultimo, (July,) to be emigrated with their Chief, and it was known that the remainder were gathering to follow. A break had also been made into Sam Jones's band, seventeen of whom were received at Tampa the 19th. Besides the parties which scoured the borders of the Ochlawaha, the Withlacoochee, and the smaller streams which empty into the Gulf, about the beginning of July, and which destroyed many plantations and brought in many more prisoners, other detachments have since been put in motion, and made to penetrate the most secret haunts of the Indians with equal good effect. Again, an important operation commenced about the 25th of July, against Sam Jones in the everglades—our detachment of troops moving from the side of the Atlantic, and another from the west—results yet unknown.

Col. Worth is sanguine that, in a few months, with the means given by the Department of War and expected, he will be able to finish this long protracted contest. Every thing, no doubt, may be expected from him which skill, valor and perseverance can accomplish.

Christianity and Science.

Some distinguished clergymen of Albany, have devised a plan for the spread of Civilization and Christianity in India. The agents to be employed are the missionaries and teachers. One of the greatest obstacles to the spread of Christianity in that country, has been occasioned by the conflicting opinions of the missionaries and Brahmins on mere questions of natural science, and the latter will receive no instructions from those they believe to be ignorant of the laws of the heavenly bodies. The Telescope will dispel the popular error among them that the moon is swallowed up by a great fish. Their religion also forbids the use of animal food. The microscopy, by showing that all animal fluids teem with animal life, will prove the impossibility of a strict compliance with that rule. A philosophical apparatus has been prepared for the use of the missionaries, which will doubtless prove as effectual in their hands as the sieve was ingenious.

Trade on the Schuylkill.

The number of vessels arriving on the Schuylkill front of the city, has been unusually large of late. Within three days, ending on Saturday week, they amounted to one hundred and thirty-five barge, schooners and sloops. The Coal trade has caused this rapid increase of business, and it is gratifying to see the activity and bustle which is daily manifested along the wharves in loading vessels with the "*Black Diamonds*" of Schuylkill county. The coal trade was not fairly commenced this season until the middle of May, since which period the receipts from the Schuylkill region alone amount to about 190,000 tons. We estimate the quantity of coal which will be received by the Schuylkill Canal alone this season at five hundred and twenty-five thousand tons, which at the present wholesale prices, say five dollars and a quarter per ton, will yield the handsome sum of *two millions seven hundred and fifty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.*

Swamp Lands.

We are glad to see from several papers that the State of North Carolina, is likely to reap a rich reward by the draining of the Swamp lands. The Wilmington Chronicle says, from fifteen to twenty thousand acres will be ready to be brought into market in the course of three months. In fact the Board of Internal Improvements at its recent visit to examine the progress of the drainage works, made sale of several hundred acres, at five dollars per acre, which sum it is supposed will be the minimum price. The cost of drainage cannot exceed one dollar and a quarter per acre, leaving the balance as clear profit to the State. The quantity which it is expected to reclaim all together is estimated at sixty thousand acres.—The Board directed experiments to be made on a portion of the renowned land with various kinds of seeds, in order that the public may be enabled to judge of the capacity of the soil.

The Eclipse.

The total eclipse of the moon took place yesterday morning—says the U. S. Gazette of Tuesday—just as the astronomers told us it would, although they did not tell us that there would be such a clear atmosphere. We never saw a more beautiful night—the 6th light of the moon lay on the ground like the mother smiles upon the face of her infant, and sap alone all was clear. The few stars that were seen in the light of a full moon seemed like tapers in the windows of heaven; and the shadow of the earth in the midst of all this, came across the moon to dim its lustre and diminish the beauty below; but as the light faded away from the earth, new lustre sprung into sight in the heavens; and so they say it always is—as the beauties of earth fade away, those of heaven meet our eye and compensate for our loss.

Temperance.

The Temperance Reform, says the Trenton State Gazette, is making great progress throughout this part of the Union. Its triumphs in Paterson are most remarkable. More than 1100 signatures to the pledge have been obtained there. The Intelligencer says "we question whether there is now a town in the State which can boast of a more sober, quiet and industrious population than our own. Nearly all who lost a short time since spent most of their time in idleness about taverns and other places of resort, have become steady and industrious citizens, and are busily employed in their daily vocations, while their families, who formerly suffered for the want of the necessaries of life, are now made comfortable and happy."

Dearth and Full of Manna.

According to a late English paper, despatches from Turkish Armenia, received at Constantinople, state that a copious fall of manna took place at Alepps and its neighborhood, on the 3d of May. The manna, which is in fact a tasteless sord, that becomes white like flour after being kept awhile, fell to the depth of two inches throughout it were to be chemically analyzed at Constantinople. What able to the components of the air constituent or, that a great dearth was prevailing at the place.

Sea Bathing.

One of our friends, who has just returned from the vacation, speaks in the highest terms of the establishment of Benjamin Wadley, about two miles below Long Branch. The situation of the house is excellent, being embowered in trees, and having an extensive lawn grove in the rear. The surf is but a short ride distant. Mr. Wadley is the same obliging of hosts, and cries ready to accommodate his guests in every way in his power, but in providing facilities for any excursion they may wish to take. The table is excellent, and the company select. For fishing, sailing, or bathing, the place is unrivalled. In short, those who wish to spend a few weeks on the sea-shore, apart from the noise and dissipation of life, cannot do better than patronize our obliging host, Friend Wadley.

Pennsylvania Canal Tolls.

The Keystone says, notwithstanding the continued depression of business, and the entire loss of tolls on the Delaware Division, since the opening of the navigation in the Spring, (owing to freshets) the revenue from the canals and railroads of Pennsylvania exhibits an increase over the collections of last year. From the 1st of November till the 22d of July, the receipts have amounted to $799,878 01; same period last year, $685,449 76. Increase this season $23,468 25. The tolls on the Delaware Division, in 1840, for the same period that the navigation thereon had been suspended the present year, amounted to $46,078: so that but for this interruption, the increase would have been at least $70,000.

New York State Credit.

A few days since, (says the Albany Argus,) the State officers invited sealed proposals for a loan of some $300,000. Offers were made by a house in New York, of 99½ in cash for each 100 dollars of stock, and the proposition was accepted.

In 1833, the State obtained a premium of $17½ on each $100 of similar stock issued at that time.

This shows a depreciation of State credit, since 1833, of a fraction more than 32 per cent.

The difference to the State, on the amount to be borrowed this year, between the rates of 1833 and the present price of State stock, amounts to $1,300,000.

The State Loan.

On Monday, the holders of the Pennsylvania State Loan, received their half yearly dividends at the Bank of Pennsylvania. We rejoice to find that the plighted faith of our native State has not again been tarnished. It may be agreeable to many persons to learn, that nearly $600,000 have already been provided to meet the payment of the next half yearly dividend, falling due in February, 1842. This is as it should be. The credit of the great State of Pennsylvania, the Keystone of the Federal Arch, should be preserved inviolable.

Suspension in Michigan.

The Attorney General of Michigan, Z. Platt, Esq., in answer to a call for his opinion respecting the operation of the Suspension Law, passed last winter, says that having had no information that any bank had complied with the provisions contained in the eighth section of said act, he is therefore of opinion that "no bank or branch bank in the State of Michigan is now in a state of legalized suspension."

Flour and Tobacco.

According the Baltimore Sun, the inspection of flour in that city last week amounted to 8,528 bbls. and 165 half bbls. wheat flour; 76 bbls. rye do. and 24 half bbls. rye do. meal. During the same time there were inspected 848 hhds. of tobacco—of which 545 were from Mary-land, 274 from Ohio, and 19 from Kentucky.

Canada.

The Montreal Messenger says—"We have been informed that the delicate state of Lord Sydenham's health is such as to render it advisable, if not absolutely necessary, that he should return to England. We will leave early in September, and if a change of Ministry shall have previously taken place, it is probable that Lord Canterbury will succeed him.

Jottings of Travel.

The Sea Serpent—Newport Bay at Moonlight—The old stone Mill—Description of it—Tradition respecting its origin—Pellatiers opinion of the Professors Journal, &c. &c.

NEWPORT, R. I. August 2d, 1841.

Here we are, again on classic ground, made so, however, by the pen of fiction, and not by the wrongs of the red man. As we gaze from the window of our hotel, the moonlight lies in silver on the waters of the bay, and we almost catch our eye wandering out into the harbor, to look for the silent and mysterious shaver.

We came here, from Providence, with a gay party of friends. Our conveyance—will you believe it?—was a whale-ship, fitted out for a three years' cruise, and on the point of sailing for the Pacific. She was formerly a liner, and her cabins will, to use a cockney phrase, "cut a swell" off New Zealand. A gay time we had of it on our passage down. The wind, at starting, was fair, but toward noon it fell a dead calm, and we lay motionless on the water, our sails hanging idly from the yards, and the tide scarcely rippling against our sides. It was twilight before we came to anchor off Newport, when the boats were ordered out to carry us ashore. Never shall I forget that evening. The night was clear and lustrous; the bay was placid as a lake at noonday; and as we glided along, no sound broke the witching stillness of the hour, except the measured dip of the oars, and an occasional burst from some one of our party. Before us lay Fort Adams, grand vast, and frowning; while on either side grimly looked out, from the opposite shores, the ruined forts it was erected to supplant. At length we shot past the breakwater, and were soon landed, and in comfortable quarters at our inn. After a hearty supper, and a resolution to rise betimes, in order to visit the beach before breakfast, we parted for the night, and I went to sleep. Our rooms were all small, and insufferably close; instead of mattresses we were furnished with feather beds, and on these we were compelled to toss the livelong night, in vain courting sleep. At length, however, toward daylight we fell into a doze, completely exhausted of want of rest. You may fancy we were in little humor to rise when the servant came to call us. For our part we positively refused to stir. However, when we heard that the ladies were actually up, and dressed for their excursion, we were forced to rise "nolens volens," and putting the best face on the matter we could, we called forth. It was by this time too late to think of visiting the beach before breakfast—so we compromised with ourselves, and went to see the old mill.

Ever since the publication of the Red Rover, the old mill of Newport has been quite a lion; and no man would think of visiting the town without having examined this ruin critically, and given his opinion on the vexed question, whether the structure is in reality a mill, a building erected by the Indians, or a relic of the Northmen, who in the eleventh century visited this coast. For our part we are something of an antiquarian, and withal a great stickler for old traditions. We always favor antiquity if it is possible. Let us, therefore, examine the claims of the ruin. And first for a description.

This singular building then is in shape a circular tower, supported on open arches, about eight feet high, and constructed of common unhewn stones, generally small in size, and laid with the narrowest edge horizontally. We can give no better idea of the appearance of the masonry than by comparing it to that of a celler wall, such as is in common use in all our large cities. The stone used is generally of a slaty character, split into fragments a foot long, and four or five inches thick. The cement is of a peculiar kind, however, and is now hardened to the consistency of granite. The height of the whole structure is about twenty-five or thirty feet, and the top is level, as if a roof had once been placed there. One or two small windows, or rather loop-holes, pierce the surface of the wall. The architecture of the tower is certainly of the rudest kind. The building is religiously preserved by Governor Shelley, on whose land it is situated, for the tower is not only protected by a paled fence surrounding it, but the field, in which it stands, is enclosed by a high wall, the gate of which is kept constantly locked. Such is the general appearance of the structure. Now for the question, who were its architects?

Were we disposed to quit the good people of these United States, we could write an elaborate argument, replete with antiquarian lore, to prove that this tower was constructed by the Northmen,—and, we venture to assert, our article would contain as much logic, and be quite as plausible, as ninety-nine out of a hundred, of the papers issued by learned societies to establish the antiquity of some favorite ruin. We could argue that the architecture is of the rudest kind; that the style of the building resembles that of the feudal towers of the middle ages; that its massive character betokens that it was built to endure for centuries; that the arches are semi-circular after the Saxon or Teutonic style, that it stands in the immediate vicinity of the spot where it is now proved that the Northmen landed and spent a winter; and that it is highly improbable that they would have made such an important discovery as that of a new continent, and lived several months on it, without leaving behind some memorial of their presence. All this, and much more, we could enlarge upon with no little plausibility. But we will not do it, because we discredit the whole hypothesis. We do not believe the tower was built by the Northmen, and we do not believe any man has so reason can think so. One thing alone is sufficient to overthrow this theory, and that is, the improbability that such a structure should survive, *in the damp climate of Newport*, the revolutions of eight hundred years. The building is obviously entire, to nearly so, for the top is undecayed, and not in the least ruinous.—Where is the structure, eight hundred years old, even with the benefit of repairs, which is not now more or less dilapidated? The towers on the Rhine; the Saxon keeps of England; the castles of vine-clad France, are they not all, after the lapse of but five hundred years, crumbling into dust? But we have even a better reason against such a hypothesis. *Had this structure been in existence at the time Newport was first settled, the first would not have escaped the early chroniclers of the colonists.* These writers minutely describe the wigwams, the dress, the grave-yards, the household utensils, in short every thing connected with the relative civilization of the Indians, and yet they make no mention of a building, which, if it had then existed, would have proved either that the Indians possessed the art of trying an arch, and building in stone, or that this structure was the memorial of some European visitors who had, ages before, visited the spot. Yet, one and all, the early writers of the colonies are silent on this point.

This last argument is conclusive against the question—did the Indians erect this tower? Moreover, rude as it is, its architecture was beyond their skill. The arches, although Saxon, are regularly turned, and there is no evidence that the Aborigines were capable of such a triumph of art.

The tower was then built by the colonists, but when, and for what purpose? It was built, we are of opinion, in the earliest days of the settlement, and was intended to answer the double purpose of a mill and a fortress.

The rudeness of the architecture presents an unanswerable argument in favor of the antiquity of this structure; yet this rudeness consists, after all, more in the character of the materials, than in the general form of the building. In this latter respect it resembles hundreds of small defensive towers or fortalices throughout Europe. Yet the smallness of the stones with which it is constructed, show that it was intended to be built at little expense, and with less regard to elegance. Additional that there was a motive to erect a mill of this peculiar shape, then, this tower, is just such a one, as a settler would put up, in a newly settled colony. Now was there such a motive? We think there was.

The early pilgrims found a warlike race of Aborigines to dispute with the new comers every inch of ground; and for more than fifty years, from the Hudson to Cape Ann, the settlers lived in hourly fear of massacre. Every village had its block house to retreat to in case of attack. These were often, indeed generally, built of wood, yet every one will admit that stone was far preferable material. If, therefore, the early settler of Newport could, at once, combine a mill and a fortress into one, would he not have a motive for so doing? That the mill was built of stone is an argument in favor of, instead of against our hypothesis. The arches prove neither one thing nor the other. They may have been a piece of fancy on the part of the owner, or they may have been erected for greater security in case of attack, so, it will readily be seen, that the garrison by retreating above, and hauling up their ladder, would more effectually cut off all communication with the savages below, than if the entrance to the tower was by a door on a level with the ground. The loop-holes in the wall above were intended for fire-arms; while the materials of which the tower was built protected it from conflagration.

But it may be said, that, admitting the tower was built for a fortress, there is no proof that it was ever used for a mill. Such an assertion is as ridiculous as it well can be. The very fact that the building in question, is now, and has been, for generations, called by the inhabitants of Newport, "the old mill" speaks volumes in favor of our theory, for what more natural than that, while there should be no direct tradition of the erection of a mere mill, there should be evidence *in its traditionary name*, of the purpose for which it was built? To be more explicit. Granting our hypothesis to be correct, would there be any history of the erection of such a very common building as a mill?—or would it be likely that it would be called one thing, when it was erected for another? Is it likely we are expected to believe that the tower in question was constructed for a mill, although built in this peculiar fashion to answer as a fortress in case of extremity. Nor is there any force in the argument that its situation is unfavorable for a mill. If the houses did not surround it on all sides, we will venture to say that a gust of arms, with the proper sails, would revolve as readily from the top of the old structure, as from the top of any one of the dozen windmills in the outskirts of the town. Further, we venture to say that a search, properly conducted, among the old records of the colony, would bring to light some conveyance of the land on which the tower stands, designating this building in its proper character. We must qualify this remark, however, by saying, that the search would be useless, unless conveyances have been usually recorded in Rhode Island, or the land on which the structure stands, has, at some time since the settlement, changed hands.

We had written thus far, when, our eye fell on a copy of the Providence Journal, dated July 23rd, in which the editor, while admitting that this ruin was used by the early colonists for the purposes of a mill, affirms that it was built, by either Verranzo, a voyager of 1524, or some other of the early adventurers who visited Newport prior to its first settlement. In answer to this we need only reiterate our argument that no such ruin, so totally differing from the structures erected by the Indians, could have existed, at the time of the settlement of the colony, without attracting attention, and being noted by the early chroniclers. Besides it is merely probable that mere visitors, here to-day and away to-morrow, would have gone to the trouble to put up an edifice of such solidity, an edifice which would take a common ship's crew, unencumbered as they would be to such kind of labor, longer to erect, than they would probably stay in port. The notion is, to say the least, rather extravagant. Certainly it is more rational to suppose that the building was constructed by permanent settlers, than by mere passing visitors. The conclusion of the Journal is based on an argument against our theory; for it the building was intended to shelter the settlers in case of attack, nothing would be more natural than the addition of so necessary a comfort. In short, while the truth may for a long time yet remain unknown, and while every theory has more or less plausibility in it to the popular ear, we incline to the opinion that the mass of proof is in favor of our hypothesis, and that men, when they come to analyze the arguments, will coincide with us in opinion.

Some attention has lately been called to this subject in Europe, and a paper, we understand, will shortly be published by one of the antiquarians across the water, to prove that the ruin is of a date far more ancient than any have supposed, except those who ascribe it to the Northmen. To them, we fancy, the learned gentleman will give the credit of its erection. If so, he ought to be rewarded of the blue-gown's account of the dyke in the Antiquary, which Dalgetty informed them was a work of a deed Cohiltree, "I mind the tugging o' it." Of this will not suit the worthy antiquarian, we refer him to the example of the erudite Mr. Pickwick, and the forty-nine corresponding societies, who, after being puzzled by the inscription on the stone, and referring it nearly to a very remote age, were enlightened by Sam Veller, who, easily transcribed it as "Bill Stubbs at his mark."

But you have had enough of antiquities for to-day, and I should not have given you so much, were they not all the rage, since the publication of Stephen's travels in Central America. Yrs. S. P. R.

The Bankrupt Law.

The Bankrupt Bill, which has lately passed the Senate, and which, although it has not yet been taken up by the House, will probably become a law, is beginning to attract considerable attention. We therefore lay before our readers a synopsis of its provisions. Verbal accounts are unfavorable to its receiving the attention of the lower branch of Congress, at the present session, though these accounts are rebutted by a vote upon the motion to lay a resolution from the Committee on judiciary, declaring it inexpedient to act upon this subject this session, upon the table. The vote upon that motion was 114 affirmative to 81 negative, which may be regarded as an evidence of a disposition on the House, to take action upon the subject.

Section 1. Enacts that a uniform system of Bankruptcy be established throughout the United States—and that all persons owing debts, who shall by petition, setting forth a list of his or their creditors, the amount due each, together with an inventory of his or their property, be declared to be by a decree of such court. All persons being merchants or retailers of merchandise, all bankers, factors, brokers, underwriters, or marine insurers, owing debts to the amount of not less than $2000, shall be liable to become bankrupts, and may upon petition of one or more of their creditors to which they owe not less than $500, be so declared in the following cases, to wit whenever such debtor shall depart the State of which he is an inhabitant, with intent to defraud his creditor, or shall procure himself to be arrested or have his goods, &c. taken in execution; or shall remove his goods, &c. or conceal them, to prevent their being levied on; or make any fraudulent assignment or sale of his lands, goods, &c.—Provided, however, any person declared a bankrupt at the instance of a creditor, may, by petition to such court have a trial by jury to ascertain the fact of such bankruptcy.

Sec. 2. Enacts that all future payments, conveyances, &c. made in contemplation of bankruptcy, or for the purpose of giving any creditor an undue preference, or any such payment or conveyance to any person not a creditor, for a valuable consideration, without notice, shall be deemed void and a fraud upon the act, and the assignee under the bankruptcy shall be entitled to claim and sue for the same; and the persons making such unlawful preferences shall receive no discharge. And if it shall be made to appear to the court, that, in the case of a voluntary bankrupt, he has at any time given or secured any preference of one creditor over another, in contemplation of the purpose of a bankrupt law, he shall not receive a discharge, unless assented to by a majority in interest of those of his creditors not preferred. Nothing in this act shall in any way impair the rights of married women or minors, of any liens, mortgages, &c. which may be valid by the laws of the States respectively, and not inconsistent with the second and 6th sections of this act.

Sec. 3. All property of every description, of every person declared a bankrupt by the decree of the court provided, shall be upon facts discovered out of the bankrupt, and the same shall be vested in such assignee to shall be appointed by the Court—suits pending by the bankrupt shall be continued by the assignee, and not only be put or prosecuted in contempt shall cease by death of said assignee. There shall be excepted from the provisions of this section, such necessary household and kitchen furniture of the bankrupt, as the assignee shall designate, having reference to the interest in the family and condition of the bankrupt, but in no case to exceed in value $300, and also the necessary wearing apparel—an exception being taken to the discretionary power of the assignee, the matter to be decided by the Court.

Sec. 4. Every bankrupt, who shall comply faithfully with the provisions of this act shall (unless a majority in number and value of his creditors who have proved their debts, shall file written dissent thereto) be entitled to a full discharge from all his debts, and a certificate thereof granted him—such certificate, however, not to be granted until after ninety days from the decree of bankruptcy, nor until seventy days notice is given to all creditors and persons interested, to appear and show cause why such certificate should not be granted. Such bankrupt shall at all times be subject to examination orally, or upon written interrogatories, before such Court, on oath, in all matters relating to such bankruptcy, which are necessary for the purposes of justice. If in any case of bankruptcy, a majority, in number and value, of the creditors who shall have proved their debts, shall at the time of hearing of the petition for a discharge, file their written dissent to the allowance of a discharge and certificate, to such bankrupt, or if, upon such hearing, a discharge shall not be decreed to him, he may demand a trial by jury, upon a proper issue to be directed by the Court, or he may appeal from that decision to the Circuit Court. And if, upon a full hearing, it shall be found by the Court or the jury, that the bankrupt has in all things complied with the requisitions of this act, the Court shall decree his discharge.

Sec. 5. Creditors coming in and proving their debts, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, shall be paid, pro rata, and no priority or preference shall be allowed, except for debts due the United States, and laborers in the service of the bankrupt when those of this latter shall not exceed $15. All creditors whose claims are not due till a future day, shall have their present value ascertained and allowed.

Sec. 6. The district Court in every district, shall have jurisdiction in all matters and proceedings arising under this act, the proceeding to be summary and the Court always to be open. The Court to prescribe forms and rules for the regulation of proceedings, and to prescribe a tariff of fees.

Sec. 7. All proceedings in a case of bankruptcy shall take place in the district in which the bankrupt resided, when his petition was filed, and all proof of debts or other claims by creditors shall be under oath, before such Court, or commissioner appointed thereby, or before some disinterested State judge, in such form as the Court may direct. But such proof of debts shall be open to contestation.

Sec. 8. The Circuit Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the district Court, of suits brought by the assignee against persons claiming an adverse interest, or by such persons against the assignee, touching any property or rights of property of the bankrupt transferable to or vested in, the assignee; all such suits barred after two years from the date of the bankruptcy.

Sec. 9. All sales, transfers, &c. by the assignee of the bankrupt's property, shall be made as ordered by the Court—all moneys to be paid into the Court within sixty days from time of their receipt, subject to the order of the Court for their disposition—and bond shall be given by the assignee for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Sec. 10. The Court shall require the collections of assets to be made as speedily as the interests of the creditors will allow, and a distribution of the same to be made every six months, and all proceedings shall be closed if practicable in two years.

Sec. 11. The assignee shall have authority to redeem and discharge any mortgage, lien, &c. upon any property, and to enter a due performance of the conditions thereof, and also to compound debts, under the order or direction of the Court—and to discharge persons from arrest, and be allowed to show cause, why such order or direction should not be passed.

Sec. 13. The proceedings in all cases of bankruptcy, shall be deemed matters of record, and be kept in a proper and safe manner. This section also establishes certain fees to be charged by the officers.

Sec. 15. This section provides for costs in which two or more persons are interested, when one is insolvent, and directs the assignee to distribute the proceeds of property, joint and separate, among their joint and separate creditors according to equitable rules—in all papers, except as relates to the mode of taking and disposing of the proceeds of the property of such partners, the proceedings against them shall be the same as if had against one person alone.

Sec. 15, prescribes the manner of constructing the deeds to be given by the assignee upon the sale of any lands of the bankrupt.

Sec. 16, confers upon the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Columbia, and upon the supreme Courts of the Territories, all the jurisdiction, power, &c., vested in the district Court of the United States, in cases of bankruptcy.

Sec. 17, prescribes the time when the act shall commence taking effect, and the period of its duration.

Insurrection in the South.

The New Orleans papers of the 23d ult. bring accounts of conspiracy among the slaves, which had just been discovered. The Bulletin says:

"The overseer of the plantation of Robt. J. Barrow, of West Feliciana, having occasion to arise from his bed late in one of the recent hot nights, heard what he believed to be negroes conversing in one of the quarters. On stealthy approaching the vicinity and listening, he overheard two of the slaves discussing the subject of a rising against the whites. This he at first sought to treat the next morning of the two fellows, when they confessed the fact, and gave information that led to the arrest of several others. The alarm was communicated to neighbors, and arrests were made in various plantations, and it will found by the confessions that they all agreed in the main facts, that there was to be a general rise, and the 4th of August was the day appointed.

A white man, a carpenter, who had lately done a job of work for Mr. Barrow, was also arrested on suspicion, and examined. He said he had nothing to do with the job—that he had never said any thing to the negroes on the subject, but acknowledged that they frequently spoke to him, and informed him all about it.

This white man, with about 40 negroes, all of whom he confessed their knowledge of the intended rising, were in the jail at St. Francisville, guarded by a company of volunteers. Their examination by a competent tribunal, was to have commenced yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

At Woodville, we learn, numerous slaves were confined in the jail, having confessed to the same facts as those arrested in Feliciana."

The New Orleans Courier contains some statements corroborating the above. A considerable number of these, says that journal, fled to the swamps and ravines as soon as they heard of the intended rising, and in some cases among the plantations in the neighborhood of Woodville, (Miss.) had been apprehended. The Courier publishes the following letter from a respectable inhabitant, dated

POINT COUPEE, 19th July, 1841.

The negroes on the other side of the river, say Bayou Sara, and environs, have had a regular conspiracy. It is to have taken place some days since, but owing to illness of the leader, it was postponed. Last evening was to have been their final meeting, and then was to have commenced their massacre, but fortunately some of the confederates have been informed; their meeting. A party of men was immediately raised at Bayou Sara, and over 15 or 20 of the leaders have been arrested, and will no doubt be tried and executed immediately.

P. S.—It appears to have been a regularly organized conspiracy from this place to Natchez, (nearly 150 miles distant.) The leaders have been white men, one of whom is now in jail at St. Francisville, and will no doubt be executed.

We find another letter on the French side of the Courier, dated July 31, giving the following details:

"We have had a negro insurrection, or rather it was the point of breaking out, where the plot was discovered. All the white population from Natchez to Baton Rouge, and all the negroes refusing to join the insurrectionists were to be assassinated. There are in our parish (Iberville) negroes who have been given up by their masters; about a dozen more are expected to-day, to be examined and tried. White men are implicated in the negro plot, and were to have been the principal leaders. One of them was taken yesterday near Jackson; he is safe in prison with the negroes. A rumor circulated yesterday that he would be hung without form of trial. Since Saturday, no one has slept. The Militia and citizens keep guard around the prison, and the patriots are on active watch, &c.

"It is possible that before our paper goes to press, further particulars may be received, in which case, we shall hasten to lay them before our readers. The next boat will probably bring us accounts of the result of the trial of the negroes."

The Bee confirms the foregoing, and the Bulletin adds:

"Capt Laurent states that on stopping at Point Coupee, he communicated information of the conspiracy to the officers above, several gentlemen recollected occurrences of brand date which tended to confirm the suspicions that the slaves of their section were parties to the wicked act. Dust, consisting of a few handfuls, which had lay six month it was, by more negroes, within the last ten days, than in seven years before—and there had been unusual assemblies of the slaves, in various places, for several Sundays past.

"Some of the negroes have confessed that the combination was from Bayou Sara to Natchez.

"It may not be amiss to remark, that the plantations in Feliciana and Wilk

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		Price sold for.
163	shares United States Bank.	16 3/4 a 18
12	do. Reading R. R.	27 1/8
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12	do. Western Bank.	20
26	do. Camden & Amboy R. R.	83
1	do. Far. & Mechanics Bank.	45
1	do. Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co	15
10	do. American Fire Insurance Co.	67 1/2 a 70
61	do. Phil Wil & Balt. R. R.	27 1/2
20	do. Phenix Insurance Co.	50
4	do. Atlantic Insurance Co.	39
$630	State 5's of 1859	79
$200	do. do. 1859	79 1/4 81
$3463	do. do. 1854	79

Congressional News.

WASHINGTON, July 28, 1841.

When I closed last evening, the Senate was engaged on the amendment of Mr. Clay to the Bank bill, proposing to strike out the clause relative to the branching power, and insert one requiring the assent of the States to the location of a branch, but *inferring an assent to the same*, if the Legislature of a State do not unconditionally dissent.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to—yeas 25, nays 24. The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed by the same vote.

This morning it was taken up, read a third time and passed—yeas 26, nays 23. The Senate then adjourned.

In the House of Representatives, several memorials, relating to the currency, were read and referred.

Mr. Fillmore, who reported the revenue bill, hoping of opinion that there will have been enough talking upon it by Friday, offered a resolution proposing that all debate shall cease on that day at twelve o'clock. After some discussion, the resolution was agreed to. So on Friday the bill pass, and then the Fiscal Bank measure will be called up.

Mr. Adams having had his operations suspended last evening by an adjournment, came up again with his petitions, and succeeded in presenting them.

The House then went into committee, and resumed the consideration of the revenue bill.

Mr. Irwin gave his views as to how matters ought to be.

Mr. Barnard then tried his hand.

After further debate, the committee rose, and the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, July 29, 1841.

In the House of Representatives a bill was reported by Mr. Fillmore, making appropriation for the salaries of foreign ministers, and then the House adjourned.

Mr. Long, the delegate from Florida, introduced two bills, one making appropriation for the continuance of the war in Florida, and the other providing for cleaning Florida and Georgia of Indian hostilities. Both bills were read twice and referred.

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The motion was sustained. The Speaker called Mr. Clark, of N. Y., to the Chair, and the bill from the Senate was taken up for consideration.

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The House adjourned between four and five o'clock.

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In the House of Representatives, a resolution was offered by Mr. Oliver, requiring that the yeas and nays shall be taken on all amendments adopted in Committee of the Whole, when such amendments come up for consideration in the House. It was lost by a large vote.

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Mr. Mason spoke his hour against the bill.

Mr. Brown, of Pennsylvania, followed.

After much more talking, the Committee rose, and the House adjourned.

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General News.

BRANCH BANK OF ILLINOIS MONEY RECEIVED.—The St. Louis papers of the 23d ult., mention that a letter had been received from Jacksonville, Illinois, dated the 20th ult., in which it was stated that an anonymous letter had been received by Col. Mather, a few days before, informing him where the money stolen from the bank at that place was concealed. This information he kept secret until night, and late at night he came into town with all the notes and the gold, but not the silver. He then told the President of the Bank and another gentleman, and enjoined them to keep the matter secret until time was allowed him to get to Springfield. The disclosure was made the next morning, and the conduct of Col. Mather in the operation not being apparent of altogether, a public meeting was immediately held, and about fifty men pursued him under whip and spur, thinking to overtake him before he reached Springfield. The St. Louis New Encreas the letter states that H. D. Town, the teller, had just been arrested on an affidavit made by Mr. Stacy, and was on his way to the magistrate's office followed by a crowd who talked of lynching, &c. The writer expresses the opinion that nothing will be done against him, although public opinion was the other way.

A GOOD JOKE.—We know an editor not a thousand miles from these diggings, (save the Hartford Patriot,) who, "by and with the advice and consent of" his better half, recently had his *chinkers* shaved clean off. The next day he presented himself at the post office window, as usual, and demanded his papers. The clerk didn't know him, and refused to hand over, unless Mr. Holbrook would send an order for the contents of his box! We told him we would go home and send an order, if he insisted upon it, but that we were astonished he did not recognize us. We finally got our papers, but from the hesitating manner of the clerk, we don't believe he was fully convinced that it was O. K., the Old Kustomer.—The fact is, the loss of a huge pair of whiskers will alter a fellow's looks amazingly. It makes him *bare-faced*, instead of *bear-faced*.

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STATUE OF WASHINGTON.—The Alexandria Gazette states that the ship Sea, from Leghorn, having on board Greenhough's Statue of Washington, designed for the rotunda of the Capital, passed up for Washington on Friday. Preparations will be immediately made for conducting the statue, and for its erection.

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NAVAL.—The Norfolk Beacon states that the broad pennants of the three commodores were flying in that harbor at the same time on Wednesday last. They were Com. Morris' on board the Delaware, Com. Stewart's on board the Pennsylvania, and Com. Morgan's on board the Fairfield.

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WASTE LAND IN IRELAND.—In the reports on Ireland, made in 1819, and reprinted in 1829, it is stated that 5,710,000 of acres still remained in a state of primitive unproductiveness—3,800,000 of bog land 1,500,000 of uncultivated mountain, and the rest of general quality.

MICHIGAN.—A gentleman from Michigan writes that the surplus wheat product of that State will be this year 2,500,000 bushels; and the surplus pork, 300,000 barrels. It this be so, what an immense transportation business will be done on the Erie canal next fall and spring.

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A LIFE LOST.—Mr. William Hoover, a respectable and industrious citizen of Williamsport, Md. was killed on Thursday last, by falling from a scaffold which broke down—a stone of three hundred pounds weight fell upon him and crushed him.

THE ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL in the case of Hollis street Society, Boston, have appointed a Committee to draw a report of the result of their deliberation, and have adjourned for one fortnight, when the report of the Committee will be submitted.

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ILL. DE.—At the late commencement of Union College, the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Samuel Jones, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the city of New York, and upon George Bancroft, the American historian.

WORKING TAPESTRY.—M. Gantillon, of Lyons, France, has recently invented a loom for working tapestry, the productions of which, say the French papers, rival those of the Gobelins, and can be produced in a fortnight what would take the other years to perform.

CATHEDRAL ON FIRE.—The great Cathedral of St. Peter, in Prince street, New York, was on fire on Saturday morning, but was extinguished without much damage.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Brainerd's Bridge, with two factories adjoining and four miles of the village of Hoosick, N. Y. were destroyed by fire on Thursday. Loss estimated at $20,000.

THE WYANDOTS.—The Logan Gazette says, Col. Johnson offers the Wyandots an annuity of $14,000, but the tribe demands $20,000 and will not take less. This comes direct from one of the tribe.

CREAT ENGINE.—The fare between New York and New Haven has been reduced to twelve and a half cents. The effect of competition.

BAILED.—In the New York Court of Sessions on Thursday, the Recorder decided that Charles F. Mitchell might be admitted to bail in $15000 on each indictment.

THE COTTON CROP is expected to yield over 2,000,000 bales.

City News.

A FEMALE IN SAILOR'S CLOTHES.—The ship Algonquin, Capt. A. Turley, arrived at this port on Wednesday morning from Liverpool, and learning that he had shipped, on his departure from Liverpool, a female disguised in the habiliments of a sailor, we called upon the Captain and ascertained the following facts. Immediately preceding the sailing of the Algonquin, a stout healthy boy, to all appearance, presented himself to Capt. T. and shipped as cabin boy for the voyage to America.—There was nothing in the manner or appearance of the youth that indicated the sex to be different from what it appeared—the manner was bashful and timid, but as a cabin boy or sailor-like would be deemed by the nicest observer of sea gear. She came on board under these false colors and was known by the euphonious cognomen of "*Billy Stewart*"—and from the time of her arrival, all the duty that was assigned her, and was cheerful and happy until some lynx-eyed old sailor gave vent to his suspicions that things were not as they seemed to be. From this moment she became dejected and unhappy, and soon after, on the fifth day out, went to the Captain and communicated the fact of her sex, and when Captain T. humanely and very properly ordered her a dress characteristic of her sex, and gave her quarters among the steerage passengers, in which situation she performed the rest of the passage, her real name is Isabella Stewart, and we are informed by the Captain that she is, or rather one, for he has now taken her to his own house, a destitute girl, though, to appearance, virtuous. She is fair, intelligent and good looking, and had taken this method to get a passage to America, where, she had been informed, she would be sure to find friends and relief. The announcement of the fact attracted and kept quite a crowd around the Algonquin for some hours. Nothing is known of her parents except what she herself states, which is, that they were unable to do any thing for her.

DARING ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY.—A most bold-faced attempt at burglary was made on Sunday afternoon, between 3 and 4 o'clock, at the house of Jacob Lewis, vet, situated in Race street, one door below Jacoby. Two well-dressed rascals, who it seems were aware of the Judge's absence from town, entered an unfinished building adjoining the dwelling, by means of a door, ascended to the roof, and effected an entrance through the back dormitory, in which effect they were discovered by some of the neighbors opposite, who immediately gave the alarm. The rascals then made their escape, and after considerable search and difficulty, the culprits were secured, and with them, certain plate, &c. which they had prepared for migration. They were escorted, with all due honors, to watch-house, and introduced to such lodgings as became "gentlemen" *of their profession*.

Upon enquiry, we ascertained their names to be Reeves and Brown, marked on the Criminal docket O. C.—*cold course*, and who were formerly indebted to the honorable Judge for the hospitalities of the White House at Moyamensing. We regret that the Judge and his old friends will now be *quite*.

THE NEW BRIDGE AT CALLOWHILL STREET.—This contemplated superstructure is in progress, the workmen being engaged busily on both sides of the river. On the east side, they are engaged in digging through rock, at a distance of about 50 or 60 feet from the River side, and about 20 in the river, the depth at the extreme point from the water, of about nine feet, for the purpose of making fast the wire cable of which the bridge is to be constructed. On the west side of the river, at about the same distance as on the east side, back from the front of the abutment, the workmen are also excavating, but not through rock, some twenty or thirty feet, for the purpose of fixing in the foundation of the same wire cable. The front of the western abutment has been taken down a short space back, for the purpose of being piled and making a permanent foundation. One cable has been fastened on the east side, and extended across the River Harding's and the Permanent bridge. It is about two inches in diameter, composed of wire the 16th part of an inch thick, the strand being coated with paint when put together. The bridge, it is expected will be done by the first of March.

SUIT AGAINST MR. BIDDLE.—On Tuesday the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of the United States of Pennsylvania, through their counsel Wm. Rawle, T. I. Wharton, and F. W. Hubbel, in their suit against Mr. Biddle, filed in the District Court a declaration setting forth the damages sustained by that Institution to the amount of one million of dollars, and also entered a rule upon Mr. Biddle to plead within eight days, or judgment. We understand Messrs. Randall, Dallas, and Meredith, are the counsel engaged by Mr. Biddle.

INSANE ASYLUM FOR THE POOR.—During the last session of State Legislature, a law was passed providing for the erection of an asylum for the Insane Poor, with a view of carrying out the law, the Governor has appointed the following gentlemen as Commissioners and Trustees. Commissioners—John K. Kane, George Rundle, John W. Ashmead. Trustees, for one year—Richard Rush, Geo. McClelland, M. D. John White.—For two years—Isaac Collins, Michael W. Ash, C. Wallace Brooke. For three years—Jacob Lex, R. Dangleson, M. D. James Campbell.

England and the United States.

It is now settled, beyond controversy, that the Tories will no more power in England. Judging from a speech made by Sir Robert Peel—the future prime minister—at Tamworth, the new administration in Great Britain will be more favorable to this country than their predecessors. After alluding to several financial and commercial questions, such as the sugar duties, the corn laws, and the condition of the manufacturers, Sir Robert held this language in relation to the United States and the Canadas:

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Later from Canton.

The ship Achsa, Capt. Dumas, arrived at New York on Wednesday morning, with a full cargo of Teas, having sailed from Canton on the 13th April. The latest advices previously received were to the last of March, via England. The news is important.

Commodore Elliott, with the British fleet, had undisputed possession of Canton. His head quarters were then protected by British soldiers. The fleet was lying above and below the place. No intelligence had been received there that the Commodore had been superseded. A large Chinese army occupied the hill, in sight, behind the city, but they offered no interruption to the British arms, nor to the commerce of the place.

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Fashions for August.

Robes of printed Foulard de Indes are very generally worn; the corsage is flat, and the sleeves gathered at distance from the shoulder of the arm. The tight sleeve is much worn, ornamented with small ruches from the top to the elbow. In materials there is nothing of any marked novelty. Satanets, both plain and shot, Persianes claines, printed foulards, tarlatanes, mulins embroidered organdes, and light fancy silks, are generally in vogue. There is, however, a description of new material which deserves notice, and which appears likely to be much in vogue. It is an India muslin, to be richly colored silk. Hats and capotes remain in form as in the former part of the season and are made of various light materials. Bonnets, which was a favorite and fashionable material in the days of our grandmothers, are again in use, and are much used for robes de chambre and morning negligee. Bonnets still retain their universal reign. The latest changes in the toilet are as follows:

Morning negligee.—Redingote of satin; plaited muslin, fichu; cap a la Rosiere, of plain muslin, trimmed with blue and straw colored ribbons; slippers of coutil.

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Full Dress.—Robe en tartalane; lace scarf coral ornaments; bouquet.

From Texas.

The steam-packet Savannah, Capt. Wade, has arrived at New Orleans from Galveston, bringing dates from that city to the 18th, and from Houston to the 17th inst. There is no news.

On Sunday morning, President Lamar arrived at Galveston. It was generally understood that the object of his visit was to despatch Com. Moore, with two armed vessels, to the coast of Mexico, to cooperate with the Yucatanese and Federalists against Vera Cruz, in consequence of the indignity lately offered Judge Webb as Minister. A large portion of the citizens of Vera Cruz, it is said, are Federalists. The Yucatanese are large yet it is believed the province could be revolutionized with little difficulty.

On the arrival of the President at Houston, he was escorted into town by a company of Dragoons, and a salute fired on the occasion.

Capt. J. C. Hays lately surprised a party of ten Indians near the Union de Diablo, killed eight and brought the remaining two, with all their horses and property. He has ascertained the site of an Indian encampment above the Canon, and has raised a company of volunteers and gone out after them.

The papers are beginning to speak warmly of the Presidential contest between Gen. Samuel Houston and Judge Burnett.

The city of Houston still continues healthy. The weather there has been very warm—the thermometer being as high as 96 deg.

At Galveston, on the 8th, it stood at 102 deg. in the shade.

Before the Savannah left Galveston, the Texas schr. San Antonio had arrived there from a surveying cruise at the Sabine. Com. Moore was on board.

Retail Prices in Market.

Beef, best, per lb.	10a11	Figs, whole.	6a12
Do. middling	6a 7	Figs, first sort.	10a12
Do. Corned.	7a 9	Sheep Tongues, doz.	18a25
Veal.	3a 5	Fresh Tripe, per lb.	4a 5
Mutton.	3a 5	Head Meat, pr. lb.	6a 8
Lamb, per qr.	62a75	Same Cheese, lb.	2a10
Pork, fresh, per lb.	5a 6	Dried Plums, qt.	12a20
Do. salted.	5a 6	Sausages, stuffed, lb.	7a 8
Hams, Jersey.	10a12	Blood Pudding.	7a 8
Do. do.	8a 6	Chicken, old, pr.	50a75
Dried Beef.	10a12	Do. new, 1 pk.	10a12
Beef, corned.	8a10	Apples, green, 1 pk.	8a12
Do. pickled. lb.	3a25	Apples, qt. pck.	3a 4
Lard. do.	10a12	Pickles, per 100.	25a37
Cheese. do.	6a 8	Beets, per doz.	3a 4
Eggs, per doz.	12a15	Carrots, bunch.	2a 3
Lemons, per.	62a75	Turnips, new, peck.	20a25
Chickens, per.	37a50	Cucumbers, green, cup.	5a 6
Do.	31a50	Squash, qt.	5a 6
Turkeys.	75a81	Lima Beans.	1a12
Geese, pair.	62a75	Sweet Potatoes, 1 pk.	20a25
Ducks, pair.	37a50	Watermelons.	3a 7
Salmon, packed. lb.	12a14	Dried Apples, 1 pk.	18a25
Do. fresh.	20a25	Do. qt.	37a44
Shad, per. lb.	12a25	Indian Meal, 1 peck.	8a10
Halibut, per lb.	10a12	Do. flour, qr. cast.	44a50
Black Bass.	8a10	Wheat.	75a81
Perch, per.	5a 6	Wilmots, peck.	25a30
Bass, striped.	10a12	Mushrooms, per qt.	4a 5
Rock. lb.	12a20	Honey.	8a10
Picked Cod.	4a 5	Honeycomb, per.	8a 9
Lobsters, live. lb.	12a15	Honey, per lb.	12a18
Terrapins, doz.	83a84	Grapes, per qt.	3a 5
Durham pat.	62a75	Peaches, per doz.	12a25
Jamaica Rum, pat.	37a50	Strawberries, 1 qt.	8a10
Salmon qt. peck.	1a 2	Cabbage, head.	3a 5
Do. 1 qt.	1a 2	Spinach, bunch.	3a 5
Blackberries.	3a 5	Squashes, each.	1a 2
Peaches, qt. peck.	10a25	Cucumbers, doz.	6a 8
Pears, 1 peck.	6a12	Onions, bunch.	3a 5
Green Corn, doz.	10a12	Egg Plants.	3a 6
Tomatoes, qt. deck.	10a12	Red Watermelons.	5a12
Egg Plants, doz.	12a15	Sweet Potatoes. lb.	2a10

The market presents again this week a great abundance of every thing eatable. There is an ample supply of Venison, and at comparatively moderate prices. All kinds of Meat are abundant, and especially Beef and Mutton. Poultry is very plenty, and Fish is abundant in market on Wednesday, and, though rather slender, were eagerly sought after at 3 and 10 cents per pound. Cucumbers, Squashes, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, &c. are very plenty, and at prices according to the supply. There is also a good variety and amount of Fruits in market, but abundance of the finest, the depth at the extreme point from the water, of about nine feet, for the purpose of making fast the wire cable of which the bridge is to be constructed. On the west side of the river, at about the same distance as on the east side, back from the front of the abutment, the workmen are also excavating, but not through rock, some twenty or thirty feet, for the purpose of fixing in the foundation of the same wire cable. The front of the western abutment has been taken down a short space back, for the pur

Gems of Magazines.

From the Dem. Review, for August.

The Shipwreck.

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

The good ship on the rolling stock,
Where northern wind were high,—
And midnight wrapped in ebon veil
The chill and starless sky,—
It struck!—what thousand was there then
To waste in sorrow's sound!
When but one half and adventurous rush
Remained 'twixt death and life

The boat! the boat! it launches forth
Upon the mountain wave,
And hanging through, with frantic haste,
Keep its power to save—
A fragile thing, it strong strove
Amid the wrathful tide,
And deep, unstirred pangs were there
Who left that vessel's side.

A stonehearn pierced the heavy cloud—
Oh, God! what sight was there!
Who stand upon that faded deck,
In calm and mute despair!

A gentle maiden, just crossed
From shoulder soft and deep,
Stretched her white arms in wild amaze,
But found no helper near.

In fond adieu, her hand she waved,
As if some friend she blessed,
Then closer drew her snowy robe,
Around her pulseless breast,
And turned to the darkened heavens
Imploring glance cast,
While her rich curls profusely fell,
And floated on the blast.

All sudden, from his wildering trance,
A sonsy form did start,
While a loud agonizing cry
Burst from his labouring heart;
His bloodless lip was deadly cold—
Strange lustre fired his eye—
"How can I bear a brother's cause,
Yet leave thee thus to die?"

He plunged—the crested wave he ruled;
He climbed the cleven deck,
And clasped her, as the thundering surge
Swept o'er the heaving wreck;
"Sweet sister, 'tis thy brother's voice—
His cheek is pressed to thine—
Together childhood's path we trod—
Thy last dread couch be mine!"

Still looked the moon with paying eye,
All lone and silent down,
Encircling them with holy light,
As with a martyr's crown.
Then shrank behind her dreary veil,—
Hoarse shrieked th' impetuous wind;
The deep sea closed—and where were they?
Ask of the angel band!

Ah! noble hearts that night were wherin'd
Beneath the billows high,
And temples white with honored years,
And woman's love-lit eye,
And clinging to its mother's breast
In vainness soft and deep,
Unwakened innocence went down
Amid the pearls to sleep.

The slumberers—they who sank that hour
Without a struggling breath,
With whom the unbroken dream of life
Was melted into death—
Say, sacred they not, in deep amaze
To seek the scene of time,
When first eternity's dread shore
Spread out in pomp sublime!

We, we was with the living heart!
In sorrow's anxious frame,
Where, in the premium of grief,
The weeping mourns come,
Round many a lonely hearth-stone,
Shall Memory's touch remove
The image of the loved and lost,
Who must return no more

The eye that saw that monster mass
Come drifting darkly down,
Destruction in its watery breast,
And on its virtuous crown,—
The ear that heard the wild and deadly crash
The thunder of the wave,
Can never lose the bitter trace,
But in the oblivious grave

The rescued man, to listening groups
Shall tell the fearful tale,
And more affecting far to hand
And childhood's cheek be pale.
And while, with quickened heart, they bless
The great Deliverer's care,
The iceberg and the barred ship
Shall prompt their tearful prayer

From the Lady's Book for August.

Badgeburry.

CHAPTER I.

"I tell you, Charles, you must marry a woman of fortune; what other objections can you make to Miss Whitebend?" said Mrs. Badgebury, to her young son, perhaps for the fiftieth time, "what objection to a woman who has five thousand a year in her own power—no one to control her?"

"Why, only just these few objections, madam!—She is old—she is ugly—she is ill-tempered, and she is insufferably ignorant as well as insolently proud."

"Proud, indeed! I like to hear your father's noble talk of pride. You, who because you are descended from John de Badgebury, think yourself equal to the nobles of the land."

"There is a generous pride in the good name of one's ancestors," said Charles Badgebury, with paradoxable warmth, "that is almost a virtue. But for a woman to be proud because her father scraped money together by means the most unworthy—if not dishonest—"

"Well! well! we will set that aside; people must not be too scrupulous when they are poor. Miss Whitebend is but five or six years older than you are, and as to beauty—I had not much beauty, nor was I very young, and yet your high-born father found it very convenient to marry me."

"But was he happy, madam?"

This was perhaps a thoughtless question, arising from the irritation of the moment, but it was a home stroke that roused Mrs. Badgebury's ire, and thrown off her guard by the intemperance of passion, she poured forth a narrative just calculated to wound the feelings of her high spirited son, while it plainly showed him the abyss that opened at his feet.

"Happy! Yes, he might have been happy, if he had been wise! But he chose to be angry that I held the strings of the purse that I brought him. People said that he married after a former flame, that he had left in India, of that some one there—some one jealous of his leaving—had given him a slow poison before he came away, which was the cause of his death; but I tell you chagrin was that poison! and he died from vexation that it would not let him pursue his follies, and waste my money as he had done his own; and that I would not even give up the disposal of my money at my death. Who would trust a man, who, when he came home from India with a well-filled purse, spent the whole of his fortune in building a house! Why the very cellars cost him so much that he could not finish the rest, which as the reason why the west wing has never been completed. Ten thousand pounds, it is said, were spent before the walls of the foundation were level with the ground, and if you take a torch and go through the empty cellars, arched strong enough to bear a church, you will believe it; and when all was done, what had he? A fine house and a few hundred barren acres. The farmers will not hire the land, and there it lies useless; I was not going to spend a fortune in manure. And now, young gentleman, let me warn you—my money is all in my own power, and if you will not obey me, I will give it every shilling to your sister. You will then be Charles Badgebury, Esquire, of Badgebury, and its unproductive lands. A noble ancestry—a noble house—and a noble estate—but while your sister will me a match for a lord—with my money!" And the unmotherly woman burst into a loud bitter laugh.

Charles Badgebury, it covered his face with his hands, and the image of his father, tall, dignified, beautiful and generous, passed before him, touched with all the softening hues of early recollection. He spoke not, and his mother thought he was convinced. She rang a silver bell that stood on a table beside her, and on the entrance of a small black boy, bade him tell a female servant to dress Miss Badgebury and bring her thither.

All this passed in Mrs. Badgebury's dressing-room, the only one in the house in which the architect had sacrificed his taste to the orders of the proprietor; it looked into the garden and its windows were not above three feet from the floor; every other light in the building had its heavy sash transom at least five feet from thence, so that children and short persons were obliged to mount chairs if they wished to get a glimpse of what was passing in the world. A simple dressing-table, covered with thin muslin drapery, its looking-glass decorated in the same manner with the addition of bows of ribands to conceal the folds, displayed numerous toilet boxes of Chinese manufacture, whose various shapes might have puzzled a mathematician to define, and an economist to declare their several uses, as the exclusive mysteries of the day were dedicated by Mrs. Badgebury, she disdaining the use of kohauna, rouge, pearl powder, the numberless brushes now of daily necessity; they were all empty, and like some classes of domestics, kept merely for show. That was, in fact, a room of state, where the lady received her morning visitors. When she did condescend to the graces, which was not often, after rising in the morning, a very small closet nearer to her bed-room served for that purpose.

When Mr. Badgebury returned from India—at that time a Nabob and for amassing wealth—he found his paternal mansion, a long low building, with a large opening near each end, supported by well-proportioned columns, forming an entrance descending by winding steps to the rooms appropriated to the domestics. The surrounding grounds were laid out in the Dutch style brought into fashion by the third William; long avenues bordered by trees, with canals of stagnant water covered over by the broad-foliated water lily. Mr. Badgebury thought himself wealthy, and he was so for the year 1730, when money was of so much more value than at the present day. He determined to pull down the old house and build a new one, and a fashionable architect submitting to his inspection a beautiful elevation from one of Inigo Jones's plans, he immediately gave him discretionary power to commence, without considering the convenient distribution of the interior or once sitting down to calculate the cost, merely stipulating that there should be large convenient cellars.

The mansion rose in all the grandeur of a lofty, three-storied structure, with two wings, the admiration of the surrounding country. The garden front was equal in beauty to the principal one, an immense hall ran directly through the house, with large folding doors at each end, and a superb staircase nearest the garden, stretched its ample length, ornamented by a Corinthian pillar of native oak, of one single piece. A very spacious lobby at the head of the staircase opened on three sides into the principal bedroom. Those two rooms, of little in size in themselves, took up so much of the interior as to spoil all the others, two mean parlours, and a few small chambers being all that could be accomplished besides, and these parlours as well as the hall being wainscoted only half way up, looked more like the smoking cabin of a substantial farmer than rooms of state in which Mr. Badgebury was to receive his high-born friends.

The family portraits were all hung in the lobby, with the exception of one large group, such as is described in the Vicar of Wakefield, which looked absolutely small when placed over the hall chimney-piece. In this hall did Mr. Badgebury spend his melancholy hours, pacing its length, and execrating the folly which had led him to sink his whole moneyed property in bricks and mortar. The garden remained in their original state from want of means to alter them, and, as may be gathered from Mrs. Badgebury's short narrative, when he submitted to an ill-assorted union for the purpose of bettering his affairs, he found he had exchanged one evil for another. He lingered through seven years of hopeless dejection, burying his sorrows in his own bosom, and just after the birth of his third daughter, he sunk into an untimely tomb. Two of his children had died before him.

When Charles Badgebury roused himself from his melancholy fit of abstraction, he noticed that his mother's dress was more splendid than was necessary for the morning, and that his sister, now nearly thirteen years old, was seated as usual on the corner of a chair, with one finger in her mouth and one foot stretched out as far as possible, highly indignant at having been compelled to submit to an unusual ablution, and to the wearing a whole frock, two things she held in the greatest abhorrence.

Mrs. Badgebury was perhaps sorry she had said quite so much to her son within the last hour, for she knew his high temper was more readily excited by a hurt to his sensitive heart. She began in softer tone to speak of some arrangements she had been making.

"I have at length found a governess for Johanna," said she, "which is a matter of rejoicing to me, for I really cannot pretend to manage her any longer. What with obstinacy and rudeness she wears me out. She climbs trees like a boy. I believe she has not a whole dress in her wardrobe, and as to learning—I am ashamed to think of it—she absolutely detests it. I wish there were legges for girls as well as for boys, I would send her off directly. I have never yet found a governess that would undertake to teach such a hoyden, nor should I now, but poor parson Whitebend is dead, and his fine-lady daughter must do something or starve." The silver bell was again tinkled. "John, bring me a glass of water."

As John retired with the water on a silver salver, a young lady in deep mourning followed him. Mrs. Badgebury's lap-dog barked furiously, and a parrot in a gilded cage, screamed in concert. The stranger stopped in the middle of the room, but without exhibiting the smallest sign of fright or timidity. John turned up his glistening eye, and displayed his white teeth, as if he would have said, "Mumy! do you come here for pinchy pinchy, or cuffy cuffy?"

Mrs. Badgebury affected great state, and did not move, but when the uproar was somewhat abated, she pointed to Johanna, saying, "There is your pupil, you must take her to the school-room."

Charles Badgebury, with the politeness usual to him, had started up and placed a chair. Miss Beverly seated herself with a graceful inclination of her head, and said, in a mild but firm tone of voice, "I have not yet been informed, madam, what you wish me to teach the young lady?"

"Teach her—why every thing to be sure. Mrs. Arden tells me you understand music, and painting, and languages, and dancing, and philosophy, though I do not know what a woman has to do with philosophy—but as you will be paid for it you must teach it." And she says you are very clever with your needle; that will come very well. I shall expect Johanna to be taught every thing!"

"What has Miss Badgebury read, madam?"

"I won't read at all!" roared Johanna, in a voice louder than either lap-dog or parrot, "I hate reading so I do."

"Oh! my dear, but this young person will teach you to like it, and washing, too, and dressing."

"She can't teach me first," said Johanna, and rushed to the door, but the prudent matron was prepared for this and the lobby door was fast. Johanna thus foiled, stood sullkily with her head against the wainscot.

"Of course, you will dress Miss Badgebury, and take your meals in the school-room?"

Miss Beverly's pale face flushed very deep, but she was spared an answer, for Charles turned an indignant eye on his mother, saying, "While there is a female servant in the house, my sister shall be waited on without troubling Miss Beverly, and while there is a table spread, the lady who condescends to take charge of her mind shall have a seat at it. I am afraid the office will be painful enough without adding to its burthens."

Mrs. Badgebury vented her anger by some very contemptuous glances, and then in loudest tones said, "Come, my sweet Johanna, my darling child—won't you go with this good humored lady, young woman, and try to learn to read?"

"No!" said Johanna, stoutly.

"And why, my sweet child, do you not?"

"No!—Tom Dunk isn't a lady, and I only want to be like Tom Dunk; to take birds' nests, and set the dogs a fighting, and saw wood."

"Why my dear, you must not be like a boy. You will have a large fortune, and you must learn to be like me."

"Ah! but the maids say you never was not never will be a lady, though you had a large fortune!"

Here a violent box on the ear of Johanna, put all things in uproar again, and the young lady would have returned the blow with interest if her brother had not swiftly and forcibly separated the combatants. Dreadfully the announcement of dinner came most opportunely for the cessation of hostilities. Miss rushed, head and shoulders foremost, to the dining parlour, followed by her brother, and Charles gave his arm to Miss Beverly, delighted to relieve a woman of her importance to the once hospitable board of his father, now scantily spread, ill served, and ill conducted by the rich Mrs. Badgebury.

CHAPTER II.

Miss Beverley had been principally educated by her highly gifted father, and though not left so utterly destitute as Mrs. Badgebury had stated, had committed to the care of a female friend, her and her dying injunctions on her to strive to increase her small income by the exertions of her talents, that she might secure an honorable independence. This situation was the first that offered, and as the unfeminine Johanna had been carefully kept from the sight of Mrs. Arden, who conducted the negotiation, it was accepted without hesitation. She saw at a glance the extreme difficulty of teaching a child who had been indulged to excess until she became unbearable, and was then cuffed and cowed by turns. Though Mrs. Badgebury with impatience bore the slightest remonstrance from her son, she was entirely governed by her daughter, who in all conceits, whether of the tongue or the hands, usually came off victorious. Coercion of any kind was unavailing with Miss Beverly, with tact surprising for one so young, she had her only chance of succeeding was to continue the system of indulgence, and by contriving many ways of amusing her pupil, by very slow degrees she began to humanize her.

The injudicious interference of Mrs. Badgebury was yet more trying than the savage manners of the daughter, and her jealousy of another's importance over her never perplexing than either Johanna and the maids soon found out that Miss Beverly was really a lady, and thus drove the vulgar rich woman into the most unwise plan she could have pursued—that of endeavoring to convince her son that this young woman had neither beauty, grace, talents, nor virtues, and by the means bringing her various perfections under his daily and hourly notice.

The passion of Johanna in civilization was a matter of astonishment to the whole house, and her growing affection for Miss Beverly enraged the ignorant and arrogant mother. She said it was very odd that a word or look from a stranger should do more than all her entreaties or promises, she forgot that the latter were very seldom kept and therefore never trusted. Her son, too, began to find Miss Beverly's company so attractive, that he was delighted to assist in development of the unknown powers of his hitherto unbearable sister. This was not to be endured, and Mrs. Badgebury, asserting that it was impossible her son's kind heartedness to go on right out of the school-room, issued orders for the two young ladies to confine themselves to its precincts. Miss Beverly remonstrated, that as Johanna had hitherto been continually in the open air, such strict confinement would have an injurious effect on her health, even now showing the ill symptoms that arose from unlimited indulgence. This was all in vain; Mrs. Badgebury and a mother was the best judge of a child's health, and of the means of preserving it. The governess begged that, as walking was forbidden, her pupil might ride on horseback as some sort of substitute for climbing trees and scaring wood. No Mamey could not be thrown away on horses and grooms. The school room was large and airy, and if they wanted more room, they might walk in the great hall.

All that could be devised for a growing child, Miss Beverly contrived to put in execution for the now tractable and affectionate Johanna. She tried dancing with the windows of the school-room open, but was shocked to find this regularly brought on a short cough and pain in the side. No part of her studies were made irksome, and many lessons were given sine sace, while pacing the hall; and when an evening visit took Mrs. Badgebury away, Charles always made one of the small party. He gradually found that a young woman of eighteen, educated at home, was infinitely his superior in many branches of useful learning, particularly natural philosophy, over which at college he had but superficially glanced. Classical learning was then, as now, thought to comprise the sum and substance of a high education, and Charles Badgebury was struck with astonishment to find his Greek and Latin vanish into nothingness before Miss Beverly's clear perceptions of whatever was good and beautiful in nature, or the practice of the social charities in life.

They were walking one evening when the rays of the declining sun shone full in the windows of the garden front, thus forming the single light favorable to the view of a picture. Miss Beverly asked some questions respecting the large group over the chimney, observing that it was painted by a fine artist.

"It is my great grandfather and his family," said Charles, "his history is interesting, yet not without a parallel in our race. Shall you believe in fatality, Miss Beverly?"

"Not in the slightest degree. I believe that all things are wisely ordered and nothing left to chance or fate."

"But what if the same circumstances had occurred for several generations; all equally disastrous as they were romantic, what would you say?"

"Would there not be an unbelievable combination of circumstances, but not a fatality."

"My family seem to have a spell over them, which they are unable to break. I am placed in the same unfortunate situation with this my noble ancestor;—his son followed his steps, and my own father—beautiful and brave—was not more happy. I am in the wake of these noble vessels, and I also am likely to be wrecked."

"I cannot understand you.—I see here a very handsome man with his beautiful wife and children. What evil could come into such a group?"

"The mother of that gentleman was a titled woman of haughty, imperious temper." Charles blushed as he spoke, and when he went on, it was in a low, tremulous voice. "She instead on his marrying a rich relation of her own, while his heart was involuntarily fixed on her waiting-maid, a gentlewoman by birth, but so poor as to be obliged to serve a woman no way her superior but in an empty title. He neither revealed his love nor resisted his mother's commands, and thus dragged to a miserable existence till his health was impaired, so that when his wife and mother died, and he was able to give his hand where his heart had ever been fixed, his few remaining years were embittered by unexplained grief. The portraits of the mother and his two wives hang in the lobby above, so that you may see the sacrifice he made when he obeyed his proud parent's command."

Miss Beverly was silent, nor did her countenance betray what she thought or felt. Charles went on.

"One would have thought the humble waiting-maid would have learned a lesson from all this, but, strange to say, lovely as she looks, she was more haughty and imperious than those who had gone before her. Fantastic, vain of her superior beauty, and determined on having no rival in that respect, she chose a wife for her son to serve as foil to her charms, which it was and remained, like the celebrated costumes of Suffolk, to an extraordinary age. But her extravagance and folly she imparted the family estate, left his her doating husband too much in her own power, so that my father, her grandson, was obliged to go to India to repair his fortune. And thither, I fear, I must go also."

"If you do, I must give you a letter to an uncle of mine, resident at Bombay. I hope he is living, though we have not heard from him lately."

"But tell me, Miss Beverly, does there not seem to be the same fatal spell over us all?"

"What you call a spell, seems to my apprehension a most simple judgment, or at least, a deficiency in the article of firmness."

"Tell me how?"

"In the first place, this gentleman before us, should not have allowed himself to love so unwisely."

"Ah!" said Charles Badgebury with a sigh, "how could he help it?"

"Well, if he could not help it, he should not have made such a marriage, so widely different."

"Is that your real opinion, Miss Beverly?"

"Certainly it is. A man is unjust to himself and to the woman he marries, if he is sure that he can not love her."

"You give me new life!" said Charles, as if a sudden light had dawned on his mind. "I will work. I will beg, I will starve—but I will not marry where I cannot love."

"Oh, Miss Beverly!" exclaimed Johanna, with some but of her former childishness, "I wish you would marry Charles. It would make us all so happy."

Ladies, in the excitement of the moment, snubbed Miss Beverly's hand; but, gently disengaging it, she said gravely, "My dear Johanna, you are too young to know how wrong that would be. Your guardian would wish you a woman of suitable fortune and equal rank in society."

"Would you have me marry Miss Whitebend?" said Charles, angrily.

"I never would advise persons to marry where they can neither love nor esteem. But like Johanna, I am too young to give counsel on such occasions—too young even to think of them."

"Have you never thought of such subjects, Miss Beverly?" said Charles, looking very anxiously in her face.

"Never—never. I have had too much real trouble to find any time for creating imaginary ones." Charles was satisfied by the open expression of the most beautiful countenance he had ever seen, a countenance much finer than the portrait before him, in the traits of mental superiority, and a sedate sweetness, arising from a strict regulation of the affections. He could not withdraw his fascinated eyes till the unwelcome sound of his mother's chariot wheels compelled him to leave the hall.

Mrs. Badgebury's own maid had always the charge of Johanna's wardrobe, she mended it neatly and regularly reported all she saw or heard. Had she done so correctly in the present instance, no evil would have arisen, but a garbled statement of what had passed in the hall whenever her back was away, and particularly the circumstances of the last evening was well calculated to alarm and irritate in the highest degree. The carriage was ordered early on the morning morning, and Mrs. Badgebury drove without deign to the neighbour's dinner, and whose heart, as he was a wealthy bachelor, she had long striven to make some impressions, and who was her never failing friend in all domestic troubles.

Mr. Meredith was a man of singular humor and shrewdness, who always listened with great patience to the lady's statements, and while he seemed to assent with entire deference, generally found a loophole for escape. He had never been known to punish where there was no crime.

"Ah! Mr. Meredith," said the lady, wiping away a crocodile tear, "there I am again with my troubles. You are the only true friend I have found since poor dear Mr. Badgebury's death. It is very hard thing for a lone woman to go through a world like this. I am now in some perplexity than ever I have got a witch in my house!"

"An old one, madam?"

"Oh! no, sir. A young one—not eighteen."

"A very dangerous age. I have known much mischief done by such witches. Indeed, I never saw an old one."

"I assure you, sir, she has bewitched the whole house, excepting my own maid. A very prudent person Jenkins is. You know, Mr. Meredith, how many times she has saved my property when it has been in danger! How many rogueries she has detected!"

"I know she is a very prudent person in her own affairs, and that she has saved for herself a considerable sum of money."

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"I will give Charles the best advice in my power, for as I loved the father so I love the children. Oh! Mrs. Badgebury! Had those children been mine!"

"They may be yours, yet, Mr. Meredith," said the lady, with one of her sweetest smiles; but observing the comically sour expression of the good magistrate's face, she artfully added, "by adoption, you know—when I am dead and gone!" Mr. Meredith bowed, and prepared to accompany her to Badgebury, whither they proceeded as fast as the two starved coach-horses could carry them.

CHAPTER III.

Mrs. Badgebury always contrived to surprise culprits into Mr. Meredith's presence, lest they should be prepared with a defence; in which, none times out of four, they were, impromptu, too hard for the subtile lady. Charles took care to be found reading in his mother's dressing-room, for though Miss Beverly never suffered him even to look into the school-room, he knew the suspicious temper too well to leave it food for conjecture. Orders were given for Johanna to come and see Mr. Meredith, with her governess.

"Governess!" cried Mr. Meredith, in amaze, "I thought it was a maid servant."

"Well, my dear Mr. Meredith, and what is a governess but a maid servant?"

"Does she sweep the rooms and sit in the kitchen?"

"No, sir. But if it had not been for that chivalrous young gentleman, I should have made her fine ladyship do something useful; but he, forsooth, insisted on her having a female companion. I really fear she has been too much of the gentlewoman of late."

The door opened slowly, and and the now gentle Johanna entered, led by her governess. Mr. Meredith arose, bowed his best, and clasped the latter in his arms. "Harriet Beverly! how came you here? Oh! yes" cried he, turning to Mrs. Badgebury, as Charles was leaving the room, filled with a thousand strange fears, "I will vouch for her being a witch, and many a spell has she cast over me, old as I am," and he kissed her fair forehead with a father's affection, while Mrs. Badgebury sat shaking in her chair, fear predominating over indignation.

"I must beg to speak with Miss Beverly alone," said Mr. Meredith, sternly.

"No, sir," said Mrs. Badgebury, striving to assume a dignified air, "I am answerable for Miss Beverly's character while she is in my house, and I do not choose she should see gentlemen alone."

"So you were answerable for her character, this morning, madam, when in my house you were doing your utmost to defame her, and I beg you to remember you are liable to heavy damages for slander. A clerk who sits in a recess in that room, makes minutes of every conversation there, unless it is previously stated to be proved confidential. If you had not been so intent on your malicious purpose, you might have seen him." Mrs. Badgebury colored at the recollection of many conversations she had held with Mr. Meredith, in that very room, little thinking any one but the innocent magistrate was privy to them. He felt only unmitigated contempt, and turning to Miss Beverly, said, "Well, Harriet, as we must speak before this very scrupulous lady, tell me how it was that you came to the house of all others, and that without my knowledge. Why did Mrs. Arden seek to conceal it from me?"

"I begged to be allowed to make the trial before my friends could object to it—I was in hopes, I—but I fear I must go—and yet I grieve to leave Miss Badgebury. If you have any influence here, sir, I entreat you use it to have her instantly attended by a medical man. She is ill; very ill. I sometimes think I must stay with her."

"I will not leave you in this house one moment after myself—I am too deep in some of its secrets. Instead that I will give plenty of advice to Mrs. Badgebury. Do you go and pack up your own property, and see that not a single article be missing. There are some rather worse characters here than young ladies bewitched. And now, Mrs. Badgebury, if you do not pay this young lady's salary in the way you ought to do, I shall immediately commence a suit in law, for which I have ample grounds. If you behave handsomely, I will give you some good advice, the first item of which is, that you discharge your ally Jenkins, who, over and above many divertires, has contrived to make a good five hundred pounds in this house, which she has secured on safe mortgages; how it has been obtained, you ought to know better than myself. I have also a word to say as to your son. If you have not liberality enough to let him choose for himself, do not force him on ill-tempered and ugliness, in the person of Miss Whitebend. Remember how many of the descendants of John de Badgebury have been ruined by such match-making."

This was the climax. The lady assailed the honest magistrate with a torrent of abuse, and when she found it made not the smallest impression on him, went into hysterics.

When Miss Beverly left the room at Mr. Meredith's desire, she met Charles Badgebury in one of the passages, and could not conceal from him what had passed. He poured forth his passionate feelings with all the energy of truth, and without the slightest reserve, but while she acknowledged herself touched with sympathy, she steadily resisted his wild entreaties to do what must inevitable involve them both in ruin. He was at the door as they were departing, and when he found Mr. Meredith prepared walking, and sending for Miss Beverly's luggage, though the carriage still stood at the door to convey him home, he showed something of the impetuosity of his disposition.

"And why, Mr. Meredith, do you refuse to use the chariot?"

"I do not wish to trespass so far on Mrs. Badgebury."

"The carriage is mine, sir, and mine are the horses; they were among the few things my dear father could leave me, and though I shame to say it, they are housed and fed on my own land. I could feed them better if I dared. Miss Beverly, you will not pain me so much as to add this refusal to your last!"

"I will not, Mr. Badgebury," said she, giving him her hand to lead her to the carriage, "I would be willingly pain you in any way."

"Then grant me one more difference before I leave you, perhaps for ever!"

"I cannot," said she, while a tear fell over her eyelid. "I cannot, consistent with my self-respect, and I entreat you, if you wish to preserve my—esteem—do not ask it."

"My own upright, good girl," exclaimed Mr. Meredith. "Mr. Badgebury, she will be a treasure for you hereafter. Treat her as a father for the love I bore your father, take no step of importance without consulting me."

Miss Beverly's luggage was now placed behind the carriage, and they drove off, leaving Charles Badgebury the personification of despair. He was soon roused from the indulgence of his own bitter feelings to attempt subduing those of Johanna, who, when she found Miss Beverly was gone, not to return, was in the highest state of excitement, from which she sunk into a stupor, nothing could divert. Charles instantly sent for the family physician, who looked very grave, and after several questions addressed abruptly why he had not been sent for before!

"I am sure it was not Miss Beverly's fault," said the female in attendance, "for I know she told my lady she was ill, and I know she—" "Do hold your tongue, madam," said the lady, wiping away a crocodile tear, "here I am again with my troubles. You are the only true friend I have found since poor dear Mr. Badgebury's death. It is very hard thing for a lone woman to go through a world like this. I am now in some perplexity than ever I have got a witch in my house!"

"An old one, madam?"

"Oh! no, sir. A young one—not eighteen."

"A very dangerous age. I have known much mischief done by such witches. Indeed, I never saw an old one."

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"Get me a letter from Miss Beverly to her uncle in India; she promised me one."

"I will—I will—I know all about him. A fine worthy man—something like yourself—left England from a disappointment in love. But you shall not stay so long as he has done. Get you gone to London. You shall not be under the thumb of that wretch, Jenkins, who rules your mother in all things; and I suspect is a thief as well as a spy."

Great was the consternation of Mrs. Badgebury, when she found that her son had taken her at her word, and that Johanna, in imminent danger, was still insisting on being taken to dear Miss Beverly. In complete bewilderment, she was compelled to go the physician to write a supplementary note to Mrs. Arden, that she would persuade her young friend to return to Badgebury. An answer was returned, that Miss Beverly had undertaken the charge of a niece of Mrs. Arden's, at that lady's house, and could by no means leave her. The doctor wrote again, requesting a visit only, as his patient would another rest nor take nourishment, and she must die if she continued in this state. It was thought Miss Beverly's influence might be beneficial. This was not to be refused, and accompanied by Mrs. Arden, she consented to see Johanna in the presence of a medical man, but not to encounter Mrs. Badgebury.

The doctor met the ladies as they entered, and shocked them with the information that all his art could not keep his patient alive many months, even if she survived the present attack. He begged Miss Beverly to indulge her in any reasonable request she might make, for as Mrs. Badgebury could not be brought to see the extreme danger, he felt himself in a peculiarly awkward situation. Mrs. Jenkins had declared it was all fancy, and from her decision there was no appeal. The moment Johanna saw Miss Beverly, she was overcome even to tears, took whatever she offered her, and only begged that she would take her away.

"You know, my dear Johanna, I never promise what I do not think I can perform. Your mamma would not suffer me to take you with me."

"Then I'll sleep, shall I see you again when I awake?"

Miss Beverly gave her that assurance, and Johanna, well knowing she might rely on it, soon composed herself to sleep, which the physician declared her only chance for life at this time. This salutary repose lasted three hours, but the first thing on waking, was a reiteration of her request, a favour the doctor much wished could be accorded her. He said the noisome arising from the stagnant canals round the house, was most injurious for diseased lungs, and that removal to a dryer air would prolong life, though he had faint hopes of perfect recovery. Mr. Meredith had arrived to meet the ladies, at their particular request, and was employed to negotiate with the obstinate mother, who, after a closeted consultation with her prime minister, Jenkins, agreed that her daughter and an attendant should be removed to Mrs. Arden's. She well knew that as the two doctors lived very near that lady's house, she would save more than the expense incurred, by the deduction of charge for three days out of every week. Mr. Meredith was present at the removal, and when they visited her. The consent of Mrs. Arden and her young friends, was by Mr. Meredith's advice granted, and the friendly physician immediately contrived a sort of bed in Miss Beverly's old fashioned, roomy carriage, and accompanied his patient, well wrapped up, to her new habitation.

Judicious kindness and rational treatment soon effected more than medicine could do, and Johanna's delight at every thing round her, produced a wonderful alteration in a short time, which Mrs. Badgebury, in her frequent visits was compelled to see and acknowledge. But while, to that lady's apprehension, the clouds were clearing away in one quarter, they gathered thick and threatening in another. Johanna, and that was on her domestic horizon. Mrs. Jenkins, free from the restraining presence of Charles Badgebury, carried on the operations of her own peculiar genius, and that the whole neighborhood rang with her misdeeds. The property of Mrs. Badgebury's economic temper should submit to such open robbery was a matter of astonishment to every one, and as the property absolutely belonged of right to the master of the house, the mistress—all powerful as she was—did not escape the obloquy of being "art and part" in the delinquency. Mrs. Jenkins felt herself called on to interfere. The land, under her guardianship, was mismanagement, was assuming an aspect that made the hitherto sneering farmers anxious to hire large portions of it. Had he not a right to exert his power as a magistrate, and let Mrs. Jenkins out of the house as well as out of it?" A written document, equivalent to a power of attorney empowered him to do this.

He found Mrs. Badgebury in her dressing-room, attended by the culprit, who was now accoutrered to remain when there was company, unless expressly ordered to leave the room. Mr. Meredith, with the ceremony, bade her begone, at which she showed her indignation by flounching out of the room, and banging the door, comforting herself that the key-hole still remained.

"Mrs. Badgebury," said Mr. Meredith, laying down his usual manner, "I have come to tell you it my duty to inform you, as well for your own sake, as for your son's, that articles belonging to him—articles of great value—have been carried off from your house and sold! Have you any knowledge of this?"

"I have been afraid of it," said Mrs. Badgebury, turning very pale, "but, alas! what can I do to prevent it?"

"Do! why, prosecute the thief, to be sure!"

"I should be loth to do that. I wish to be very merciful."

"Have you been merciful, Mrs. Badgebury, when you have allowed that young girl, Jenkins, to convey silver articles into innocent persons' houses, and then charge them with theft?"

"Ah! Mr. Meredith, but it is not so now."

"Not so now, madam. The true thief is found, and you must prosecute."

"I cannot—indeed, I cannot."

"Then I will, for the property is your son's."

"It was bought with my money, sir."

"That makes no difference. If in this house is he, let who will purchase it. And he has empowered me to act for him in all cases, on the land and in the house."

Mrs. Badgebury trembled, but she still endeavored to shield the offender, till Mr. Meredith plainly told her she was suspected to be a participator in the fraud; she then most reluctantly gave the key to Johanna's room. Jenkins, she came, with her face flushed from mingled anger and fear, to the door, and, on the magistrate, "here is a heavy charge brought against you, which there are competent witnesses to prove. You have sold one of Johanna's dresses, and a ring, and a shawl."

"Who dares say it belonged to this house!" demanded she.

"I do. I know it by sure marks which you overlooked last gentle night on the dressing-table, and so does the silversmith, in whose absence you sold it to one of his men; for it was purchased from his father by the late Mr. Badgebury, and your lady here, in the absence of her son, must prosecute the thief."

"I dare say she will!" cried the woman, with a scornful laugh.

"You must, Mrs. Badgebury. This is no time for false feelings. She is an old offender, as I can prove to you, and you must prosecute her directly."

"I cannot, Mr. Meredith," she generally haughty and self-possessed lady was pale and trembling.

"Then I must, madam; for I will not see the son of my friend thus defrauded. He has legally empowered me to act for him in his property during his absence from England. I will prosecute her."

"You had better do it, Mr. Meredith, pray do it dearly, spoiled the woman, insolently nodding her head between her phrases.

"Why, you impudent wretch, it is a hanging matter."

"It may be, but you know a gallows can hold more than one, and if I do hang, rely on it I will do it in very good company."

"We must not press this matter any further," said Mrs. Badgebury. "I will answer for Jenkins not doing it again.

"Madam, madam, we are all liable to punishment for compounding of felony. We are bound by the law to prosecute, and if you will